

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 8, 2014

Billy Broussard
CHAIRMAN

Pat Manuel
VICE CHAIRMAN

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LA
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, January 8, 2014

Vice Chairman Pat Manuel presiding

Present:

Pat Manuel
Ronny Graham
Bart Yakupzack
Ed Swindell
Dan Davis

NOT Present:

Billy Broussard

Secretary Barham was present

Wendy Brogdon Called Roll

Vice Chairman Manuel called for a motion for approval of the **November 6, 2014 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Swindell. Vice Chairman Manuel called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.



For the agenda item, **Commission Special Announcements/Personal Privilege**, Vice Chairman Manuel stated that during duck season (November, December and January), the Commission should have meetings at 1:00PM in the afternoon.



Vice Chairman Manuel announced the next item, **To Hear Enforcement Reports for December**; to be presented by Lt Col. Martin

There were Six (6) boating accidents reported, Four (4) injuries and One (1) Fatality. There were 1567 total cases for the month of December with 438 Written Warnings issued and 25 Public Assistance.

Three (3) News releases were discussed

(1) Mississippi Man Cited for Drowning Deer in Mississippi River

A Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Enforcement Division agent cited a Mississippi man for allegedly drowning a deer in the Mississippi River in Concordia Parish on Dec. 11.

LDWF Sgt. Trey Mason cited David E. Hayes, 40, of Natchez, Miss., for not possessing non-resident basic hunting and big game hunting licenses, failing to comply with deer tagging requirements, hunting from a moving vessel and taking deer from a vessel while the deer was swimming.

Sgt. Mason was contacted by a witness who just observed a subject driving a boat in the Mississippi River on the Louisiana side approach a deer swimming in the river. The witness then saw the operator of the vessel wrap a rope around the deer's antlers and drown the deer.

Sgt. Mason arrived in the area and observed the vessel in the area matching the description gave from the top of a nearby levee. From the levee, Sgt. Mason was able to look down into the vessel and identify an 8-point buck lying in front of the vessel.

Sgt. Mason then made contact with the subject and identified him as Hayes and observed that he was in possession of a dead wet deer with no apparent wounds. After a brief interview, Hayes admitted to drowning the buck in the river on the Louisiana side.

Hunting from a moving vessel carries a \$250 to \$500 fine and up to 90 days in jail. Taking deer from a vessel while the deer is swimming, failing to comply with deer tagging requirements and hunting without a non-resident basic hunting and big game hunting licenses each brings a \$100 to \$350 fine and up to 60 days in jail for each offense. A civil restitution charge of \$2,033 for the replacement value of the deer may also be imposed.

(2) Crab Trap Thief Sentenced in Plaquemines Parish

On Dec. 16, a Marrero man pleaded guilty to commercial fishing violations committed in Plaquemines Parish.

Jessie Gainey, 45, pleaded guilty to his second offense of theft of crab traps in the 25th Judicial District Court of Plaquemines Parish. Judge Michael Clement sentenced him to a fine of \$250 plus court costs and a suspended jail term of six months.

Judge Clement also ordered Gainey to surrender his 2014 crab trap license. Gainey is also prohibited of being on any commercial crab boat as a deckhand or captain and possessing a

crab trap license until 2017. He is also barred from selling crabs for the period of his license revocation.

The plea stems from an incident that occurred on July 9, 2014 when Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents arrested Gainey for removing the contents of crab traps that were not owned by him, failing to mark crab traps and theft of crab traps.

Agents set up surveillance on a line of crab traps in Grandpa Bayou in Port Sulphur. Agents watched Gainey run a line of crab traps and empty the contents into his vessel. Agents found the traps in Gainey's boat untagged, tags cut and some with Gainey's commercial fisherman's tag on top of another fisherman's tag.

Robert White with District Attorney Charles Ballay's office prosecuted the case. LDWF Investigating agents were Sgt. Adam Young and Agent Travis Bartlett.

(3) Three Men Found Harvesting Oysters in Closed Area

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents arrested three men for alleged oyster harvesting violations on Dec. 18 in Terrebonne Parish.

Agents arrested Samuel Dobson, 35, Dylan Parker, 21, and John Parker III, 25, all of Houma, for taking oysters during a closed season on the Sister Lake Public Oyster Seed Reservation, taking oysters from a polluted area, taking oysters during illegal hours, and taking oysters without commercial gear and vessel licenses.

On Dec. 18 around 8:30 p.m., LDWF agents were patrolling the Sister Lake Seed Reservation when they observed a vessel in the open water of Sister Lake dredging for oysters. Agents stopped the vessel and found the three men in possession of 60 sacks of oysters. Agents seized the vessel, two oyster dredges and returned the oysters to the water. The men were booked into the Terrebonne Parish Jail.

The Sister Lake Public Oyster Seed Reservation is closed for the 2014/15 season.

Taking oysters during illegal hours and from a polluted area each carries a \$900 to \$950 fine and up to 120 days in jail. Taking oysters without a commercial gear or vessel license each brings a \$250 to \$500 fine and up to 90 days in jail. Taking oysters during a closed season carries a \$100 to \$350 fine and up to 60 days in jail.

Agents participating in this care are Sgt. Thomas Dewitt, Senior Agent Jamie Folse, Agent Richard Bean and Agent Lucas Hidalgo

There were no comments or questions heard



Vice Chairman Manuel announced the next item, **To Consider a Resolution to consolidate the Ouachita Wildlife Management Area (WMA) into the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area (WMA)** presented by Thomas Bates

The Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area was established by Resolution of the Director of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, dated February 8, 1962. The Ouachita Wildlife Management Area was established by Resolution of the Director of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, dated October 22, 1975.

The Ouachita Wildlife Management Area consisting of 13,332.14 ± acres of land situated in Ouachita Parish, and the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area consisting of 21,513.74 ± acres of land situated in Ouachita, Morehouse, and Richland Parishes.

The two wildlife management areas, Ouachita and Russell Sage, are in very close geographical proximity and are managed in the same manner; therefore, to more efficiently utilize agency resources, consolidating the Ouachita Wildlife Management Area and the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area will provide more efficient use of agency resources, and eliminate duplicate operations and management activities in the area. These properties contain valuable wildlife habitat and the continued protection and proper management thereon is critical to the State's conservation and wildlife management efforts.

It is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that for ease of management and efficiency of operations, the Ouachita Wildlife Management Area be consolidated with and managed as the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

It is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission confirm and reaffirm that all State-owned lands, including water bottoms, located within the property description of the Ouachita Wildlife Management Area, as described in the Governor's Proclamations dated October 22, 1975 and was previously selected and established as the Ouachita Wildlife Management Area, be consolidated with the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area and managed as the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

It is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission select all State-owned lands, including water bottoms, located within the Ouachita Wildlife Management Area, and all adjacent State-owned water bottoms be established as a wildlife management area and included in the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Section 109 and Section 781, *et seq.*, of the Revised Statutes of 1954, does hereby confirm and reaffirm the selection and establishment of the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, and selects all land, including water bottoms, including adjacent lands and water bottoms owned by the State, and re-establishes such lands, including water bottoms, as a wildlife management area to be added to and included in the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, so that all land including water bottoms identified on the attached map, Exhibit A, are included in the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

This property shall be used exclusively for wildlife management purposes and, as such, is perpetually dedicated to the protection, conservation, and management of fish and wildlife and their habitat, and such public recreation including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, and trapping, which is consistent with these purposes.

Commissioner Swindell asked which office manages this area

Steve Smith answered for Thomas Bates that the Monroe Office manages this area

Commissioner Swindell then asked, do we have any other management areas this large that we manage

Mr. Smith stated that yes, we have WMA's larger than this one.

Commissioner Swindell asked what was the advantage and Mr. Smith stated it consolidated work forces.

Mr. Bob Love, WLF CNR Administrator stated that in 1960, the Russell Sage WMA was the first WMA managed by WLF therefore out of respect for the historical value of the name, they would keep the name of the consolidated area Russell Sage.

There were no other questions or comments heard

Vice Chairman Manuel called for a motion for approval and a motion for approval was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Graham. Vice Chairman Manuel called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record)

RESOLUTION

Consolidating the Ouachita Wildlife Management Area Into the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area

Adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

WHEREAS, the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area was established by Resolution of the Director of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, dated February 8, 1962.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Wildlife Management Area was established by Resolution of the Director of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, dated October 22, 1975.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Wildlife Management Area consisting of 13,332.14 ± acres of land situated in Ouachita Parish, and the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area consisting of 21,513.74 ± acres of land situated in Ouachita, Morehouse, and Richland Parishes.

WHEREAS, the two wildlife management areas, Ouachita and Russell Sage, are in very close geographical proximity and are managed in the same manner; therefore, to more efficiently utilize agency resources, consolidating the Ouachita Wildlife Management Area and the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area will provide more efficient use of agency resources, and eliminate duplicate operations and management activities in the area.

WHEREAS, these properties contain valuable wildlife habitat and the continued protection and proper management thereon is critical to the State's conservation and wildlife management efforts.

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that for ease of management and efficiency of operations, the Ouachita Wildlife Management Area be consolidated with and managed as the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

WHEREAS, it is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission confirm and reaffirm that all State-owned lands, including water bottoms, located within the property description of the Ouachita Wildlife Management Area, as described in the Governor's Proclamations dated October 22, 1975 and was previously selected and established as the Ouachita Wildlife Management Area, be consolidated with the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area and managed as the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Section 109 and Section 781, et seq., of the Revised Statutes of 1954, does hereby confirm and reaffirm the selection and establishment of the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, and selects all land, including water bottoms, including adjacent lands and water bottoms owned by the State, and re-establishes such lands, including water bottoms, as a wildlife management area to be added to and included in the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, so that all land including water bottoms identified on the attached map, Exhibit A, are included in the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

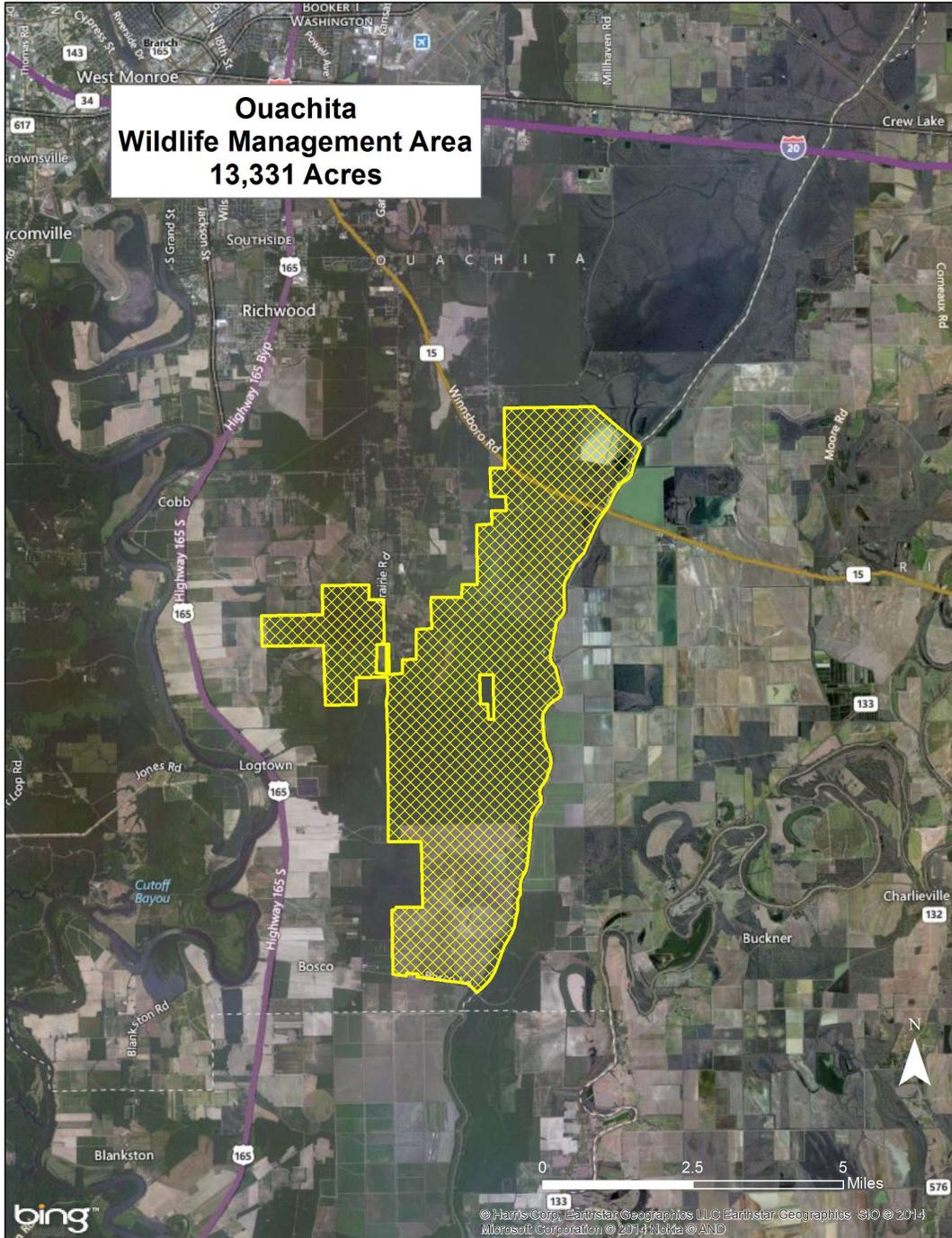
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this property shall be used exclusively for wildlife management purposes and, as such, is perpetually dedicated to the protection, conservation, and management of fish and wildlife and their habitat, and such public recreation including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, and trapping, which is consistent with these purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take all actions necessary in furtherance of this resolution.

Billy Broussard, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

Robert J. Barham, Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

EXHIBIT A (MAPS)



**Russell Sage
Wildlife Management Area
21,514 Acres**

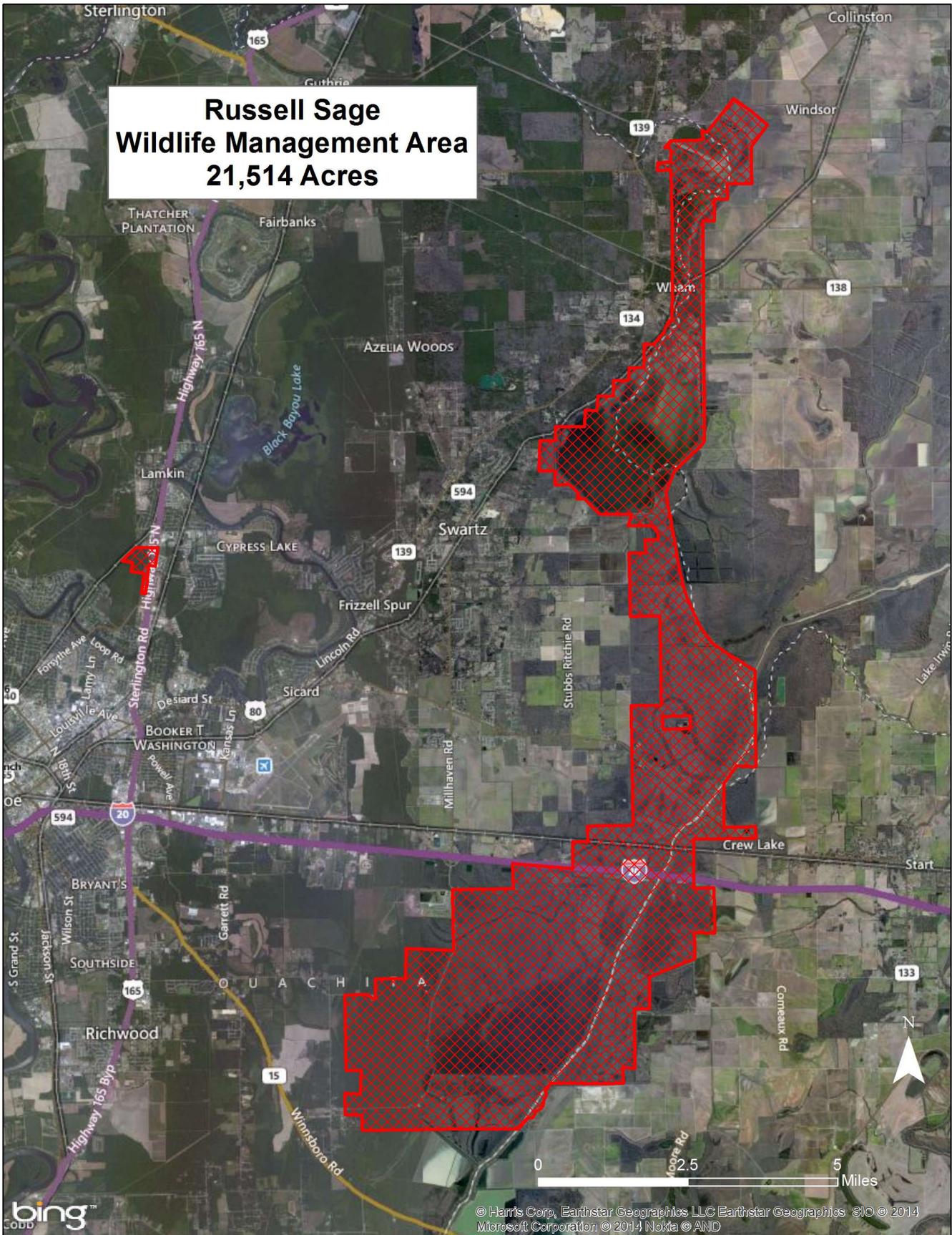
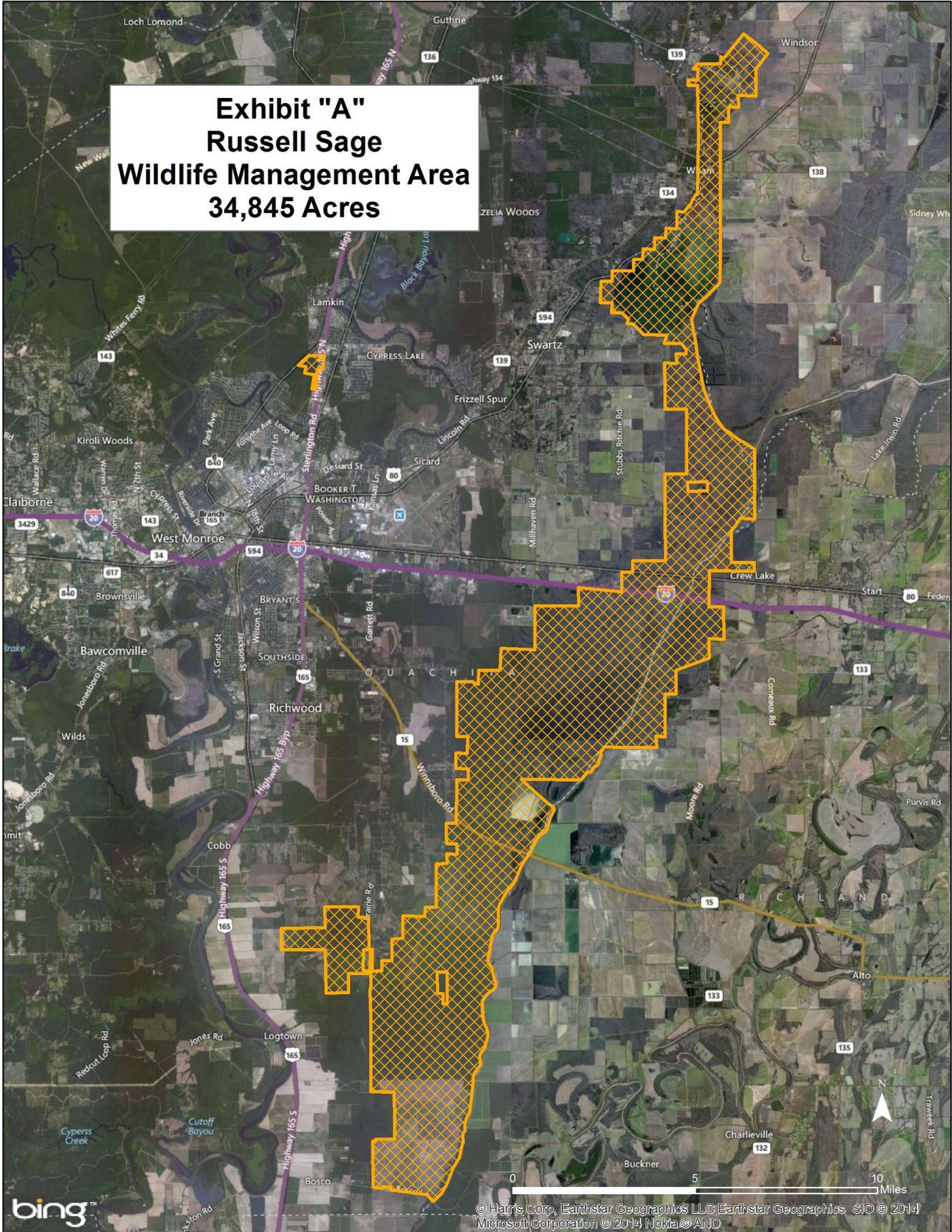


Exhibit "A"
Russell Sage
Wildlife Management Area
34,845 Acres



Vice Chairman Manuel announced the next item, **To Consider a Declaration of Emergency to set the 2015-2016 Commercial King Mackerel Season**, to be presented by Harry Blanchet

The commercial season for king mackerel in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2015 and remain open until the allotted portion of the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2016, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2016-17 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters.

The Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open additional commercial king mackerel seasons in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened such additional seasons and to close such seasons when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, or as needed to effectively implement the provisions herein upon notification to the Chairman of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Effective with seasonal closures under this rule, no person shall commercially harvest, possess, purchase, exchange, barter, trade, sell, or attempt to purchase, exchange, barter, trade, or sell king mackerel, whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters. Also effective with this closure, no person shall possess king mackerel in excess of a daily bag limit, which may only be in possession during the open recreational season by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Nothing shall prohibit the possession or sale of fish by a commercial dealer if legally taken prior to the closure providing that all commercial dealers possessing such fish taken legally prior to the closure shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6.

Commissioner Davis asked the question, what is the quota?

Mr. Blanchet answered Nine hundred thousand pounds.

Commissioner Swindell asked if there were problems with closures in the past

Mr. Blanchet answered that it was more efficient to have a Declaration of Emergency authorizing the Secretary as to not have to call an emergency meeting of the Commission for this

There were no other comments or questions heard.

A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Davis. Vice Chairman Manuel called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
Commercial King Mackerel Harvest
2015-16 Commercial King Mackerel Season

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 49:953 which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to employ emergency procedures to establish seasonal rules to set finfish seasons, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3 which provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following season for the commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters:

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Vice Chairman Manuel announced the next item, **To Consider a final approval of the Notice of Intent for the Catch and Cook Program**, to be presented by Rob Bourgeois, Office of Fisheries

Vice Chairman stated that at the request of the Department, this item will be passed and not discussed



Vice Chairman Manuel announced the next item, **To Consider a Notice of Intent for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 General and WMA Hunting Seasons and Rules and Regulations**, to be presented by Steve Smith, Office of Wildlife

- 1) Changes to LAC XIX.101-Resident Game Hunting Seasons
 - a. No significant changes. Calendar adjustments only.
- 2) Changes to LAC XIX.103-Resident Game Birds and Animals
 - a. LAC XIX.103.C. Changes to Area 5 dates for 2015-2016 season, to extend season by 2 weeks. (Consistent with 2015-2016 Season set last year).
 - b. LAC XIX.103.D. 2016/2017 Deer Hunting Schedule- Area 5 will become part of Area 1. (Consistent with long term management goal of LDWF).
- 3) Changes to LAC XIX.111-General and Wildlife Management Area Rules and Regulations
 - a. LAC XIX.111.E.11.a.ii. Addition of pistols to allowable gear for primitive firearms seasons. (Additional opportunity).
 - b. LAC XIX.111.E.11.a.iv. Modifications to wording to specify that youth hunters must abide by the season in progress (either-sex or bucks-only) during primitive firearms seasons. (Language clarification).
 - c. LAC XIX.111.E.15. Specification in regulations as to what is acceptable forms of honorably discharged status for the Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans season on Private Lands. (Was not included in DE last year).
 - d. LAC XIX.111.G.3.k. Addition of allowance for bird dog training, in addition to rabbit and squirrel dogs, in some Small Game Emphasis Areas on WMAs. (Additional opportunity).
 - e. LAC XIX.111.G.5.c. Prohibition of possession of bait on WMAs except that bait will be allowed in a vehicle traversing or parked on a WMA road. (Requested by enforcement division and field staff. Existing language does not cover possession of bait).
 - f. LAC XIX.111.G.9.i. Allowance for UTVs to be utilized on ATV Trails, if the manufacturer's specifications for that vehicle do not exceed the weight, length, and tire restrictions for ATVs. (Additional opportunity due to public requests).
 - g. LAC XIX.111.G.9.i. Addition of UTVs to wording to allow those vehicles on WMA roads, only when such roads are closed to vehicular traffic, and when the use of ATVs and UTVs is specifically allowed. (Wording clarification).
 - h. LAC XIX.111.G.15. Modification to wording to specify that center fire pistols may be used for hunting hogs with dogs, only during the February hog dog season on certain WMAs. (Wording clarification to explicitly prohibit use of such outside of Feb. season).
 - i. LAC XIX.111.G.15.a. Removal of experimental, permitted trapping of feral hogs. (Due to lack of demand, participation, reporting, and effectiveness).

- j. LAC XIX.111.G.17.e. Prohibit the use of nets, yoyos, and trotlines on Big and Chain Lakes on Big Lake WMA. (Requested by field staff. Gear left in high water has created safety hazards when water recedes).
- k. LAC XIX.111.G.17.f. Place boat restrictions on Biloxi WMA to limit use of mud boats or air-cooled propulsion vessels to straight shaft "long tail" air-cooled mud motors that are 16 total horsepower or less. (Requested by landowner due to irreversible damage and degradation of property and habitat from the use of such craft).
- l. LAC XIX.111.G.17.g. Prohibition of nets and traps for recreational fishing on Ivan Lake on Bodcau WMA. (Requested by fish division, such gear counterproductive to the management goal of the lake).
- m. LAC XIX.111.G.17.i. Specify that crawfishing traps or nets may not be left overnight on Grassy Lake WMA. (Requested by field staff to provide consistency with all MAVS WMAs).
- n. LAC XIX.111.G.17.m. Specify that crawfishing is limited to 100 pound per person, per day on Joyce WMA. (Reiteration of existing regulations).
- o. LAC XIX.111.G.17.q. Specify that crawfishing is limited to 100 pound per person, per day on Maurepas Swamp WMA. (Reiteration of existing regulations).
- p. LAC XIX.111.G.17.r. Specify that crawfishing traps or nets may not be left overnight on Pomme de Terre WMA. (Requested by field staff to provide consistency for all MAVS WMAs).
- q. LAC XIX.111.G.17.z. Prohibit all nighttime activity during open waterfowl seasons, on Wham Brake within Russell Sage WMA. (To eliminate reservation of duck hunting locations before legal hunting hours).
- r. LAC XIX.111.G.17.gg. Restrict recreational fishing gear to rod and reel only on Sicily Island Hills WMA (Education section has stocked Gravel Pit for education events, and other gear is counterproductive to management objectives).
- 4) Changes to LAC XIX.113-General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations
 - a. No changes.
- 5) Changes to LAC XIX.115-Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits
 - a. LAC XIX.115.E. No changes to Turkey Hunting Schedule. Calendar adjustments only.
 - b. LAC XIX.115.F. No changes to WMA Turkey Hunting Schedule. Calendar adjustments only.
 - c. LAC XIX.115.G. No changes to WMA Youth Lottery Schedule.
- i. Removal of Big Lake Youth Lottery (Additional opportunity- change to open youth weekend to be consistent with Tensas NWR).
 - d. LAC XIX.115.H.1. Addition of Big Lake Youth Weekend.
 - e. LAC XIX.115.J.1. Modification to Youth season on Kisatchie National Forest to open all ranger districts for the entire youth weekend (Additional Opportunity).
 - f. LAC XIX.115.J.2. Addition of 2 days of open turkey season on US Army Corps of Engineers Indian Bayou Area (Additional Opportunity).
- 6) Changes to WMA and Federal Lands Schedule
 - a. Addition of Bussey Brake- No Hunting allowed, recreational fishing and other allowed non-consumptive activities allowed. (Restriction on hunting to meet mgt. objectives as a fishery).
 - b. 31. Maurepas Swamp WMA- Addition of Youth Squirrel Season (Additional Opportunity).
 - c. Ouachita WMA- Removal of WMA from list. (WMA will become part of Russell Sage WMA).
 - d. 38. Russell Sage WMA Modification of wording to include Ouachita WMA (No changes to either areas seasons).

- e. 43. Sherburne WMA- Addition of 6 days to Firearms either sex season. (Additional Opportunity).
- f. Barataria Preserve- Addition of Shotgun youth either sex season (Additional Opportunity).
- g. Black Bayou National Wildlife Refuge- Allowance for beagles to be used for rabbit and dogs for squirrel Jan. 1-Feb. 29 (Additional Opportunity).
- h. Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge- Modification to Deer Primitive Firearms season. Allowance for beagles to be use for rabbit and dogs for squirrel Feb. 1-Feb. 29 (Additional Opportunity).
- i. Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge- Change in waterfowl closure time from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm (Additional Opportunity and consistency with other public lands).
- j. Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge- Addition of small game season on Headquarters Unit from 1st Sat. of Feb. – End of State Season (Additional Opportunity).
- k. Grand Cote National Wildlife Refuge- Addition of youth waterfowl hunt (Additional Opportunity).
- l. Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge- Change in waterfowl closure time from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm (Additional Opportunity and consistency with other public lands).
- m. Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge- Addition of Youth waterfowl hunt (Additional Opportunity).
- n. Red River National Wildlife Refuge- Addition of Waterfowl youth lottery (Additional Opportunity).
- o. Sabine National Wildlife Refuge- Change in waterfowl closure time from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm (Additional Opportunity and consistency with other public lands).
- p. Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge- Addition of days to dove season from 3 days to entire 1st split (Additional Opportunity).

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA AND FEDERAL LANDS HUNTING SCHEDULE

1. ACADIANA CONSERVATION CORRIDOR (LDWF Owned - 2,285 Acres, Opelousas Office):
Self-Clearing Permit required for all activities.

Deer:

Archery only: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, **Oct. 16-Feb. 15**, either-sex.

All other seasons **CLOSED**. No motorized vehicles allowed and no access via I-49 right-of-way.

2. ALEXANDER STATE FOREST (Owner - Office of Forestry-LDAF - 7,875 Acres, LDWF 283 Acres, Minden Office):
From December through February all hunters must check daily with the Office of Forestry for scheduled burning activity. No hunting or other activity will be permitted in burn units the day of the burning. Call 318-487-5172 or 318-487-5058 for information on burning schedules.

Attaching stands to Red Cockaded Woodpecker cavity trees is prohibited. Cavity trees are marked with painted, double white bands.

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Minden or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons listed below.

Deer: Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, bucks only.

Primitive Firearms: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days; first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days. Mandatory Deer Check.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 2nd Saturday of December for 7 days.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED during primitive firearms season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Jan. 1st to the last day of Feb.**

Waterfowl: Same as outside. (Certain areas may be closed as posted).

Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires **EXCEPT** in recreational areas.

3. ATCHAFALAYA DELTA (Owner - State of Louisiana - 137,695 Acres, New Iberia Office):

Self-clearing Permit required for deer, feral hog hunting and tent camping. Self-clearing permits available from Main Delta and Wax Delta campgrounds and Cul-de-sac on Big Island.

Limited Access Area: No internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific location.

Big Island: CLOSED to all activities **during the month of October, EXCEPT** LDWF Lottery Deer Hunts.

Deer: Youth Lottery: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days and 3rd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days on Big Island only, either-sex, daily youth permit required. Call New Iberia office, Coastal and Nongame Resources Division (337) 373-0032 for details.

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31 on Main Delta only (Big Island **CLOSED** during October); no deer hunting on Wax Lake Delta. Either-sex.

Waterfowl: Same as outside, **EXCEPT** shooting hours shall be one-half hour before sunrise to 2:00 p.m. during opening weekends of teal and duck season and one-half hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season, and **EXCEPT** shooting hours are the same as outside for the Youth Hunt weekend.

Small Game Hunting for Rabbit Only: Wax Lake Delta: Oct. 1-31 and Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb. with or without beagles. **Nov. 1-Jan. 31** without beagles only. **Main Delta: Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.** with or without beagles.

CLOSED October through January.

Hunters must display 400 square inches of hunter orange and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during special shotgun season for hogs. All harvested hogs must be checked in at the Atchafalaya Delta headquarters.

Camping allowed **ONLY** in designated campgrounds. Houseboat mooring allowed by permit only.

Vessels/Vehicles: Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion engines greater than 36 horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. ATVs, ATCs, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited **EXCEPT** as permitted for authorized WMA trappers.

4. ATTAKAPAS (Owner - State of Louisiana - 25,730 Acres, Corps of Engineers - 2,200 Acres, Opelousas Office):
Area CLOSED to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth deer season is open.

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

Deer: Deer hunting will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 18 feet at Butte LaRose.

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, **Oct. 16-Feb. 15**, either sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after next to last Sun. of Jan. for 7 days, Bucks-only.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT small game hunting CLOSED during either-sex modern firearms seasons CLOSED during youth deer seasons and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season,**

1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

5. BAYOU MACON (LDWF Owned - 6,919 Acres, Monroe Office):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms: Sat. prior to Thanksgiving for 2 days Mandatory Deer Check, either-sex.

Primitive Firearms: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days,

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 4th Saturday of December for 7 days.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during firearms season and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **1st Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Mon. after 3rd Sat. of Oct.-Sun. prior to firearms either-sex deer, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.**

Raccoon: (Nighttime): Sept. 1st for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

All night activities prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided.

6. BAYOU PIERRE (LDWF Owned - 2,794 Acres, Minden Office):

Waterfowl Refuge is closed to all hunting, trapping and fishing **EXCEPT** for archery hunting for deer, which is allowed on the entire area. Refuge is marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs. Contact Minden Office, for details for lottery hunts listed below at 318-371-3050.

Deer:

Archery only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex. Archery hunting is allowed in the waterfowl refuge.

Dove: Same as outside.

Waterfowl Lottery Only: (Designated Portion) Lottery Youth Hunt: Same as outside youth waterfowl hunt.

General Lottery Hunt: 2nd weekend of 1st split and 1st and 4th weekends of 2nd split of the West Zone season.

Other Small Game: Same as outside and **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Jan. 1 to last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 1 to last day of Feb.

7. BIG COLEWA BAYOU (LDWF Owned - 899 Acres, Monroe Office):

Self-Clearing Permit not required.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Monroe or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. **Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, either-sex and 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 16 days, bucks only.**

Deer:

Archery only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside and **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting **Jan. 1st to last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Mon. after 3rd Sat. of Oct.-Sun. prior to Thanksgiving, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.**

All nighttime activities prohibited.

8. BIG LAKE (LDWF Owned - 19,231 Acres, Monroe Office):

Area Closed: To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth deer season is open.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex. Youth hunt on designated portion. See WMA map for specific location.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 3rd Saturday of January for 7 days.

Primitive Firearms: Day after firearms bucks only season closes for 14 days.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms seasons and **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.**

Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms seasons.

Raccoon (Nighttime): the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

Sport Fishing: Nets, yoyos, and trotlines prohibited on Big and Chain Lakes.

9. BILOXI (Owner - Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation - 42,787 Acres, New Iberia Office):

Self-Clearing Permits not required. Mud boats or air-cooled propulsion vessels can only be powered by straight shaft "long tail" air-cooled mud motors that are 16 total horsepower or less on the WMA. All other types of mud boats or air cooled propulsion vessels (including "surface drive" boats) are prohibited.

Deer:

Archery only: October through January. First 15 days are bucks only.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** beagles allowed for rabbits when duck season is closed and **EXCEPT CLOSED** to squirrel hunting during the spring season.

10. BODCAU (Owner - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 33,766 Acres, Minden Office):

Area Closed: Closed to all **EXCEPT** Youth deer hunters during the Youth Deer Hunt on designated portion.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth: Sat. after 2nd Fri. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex on designated portion.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days. Modern Firearms either-sex: Sat. after 4th Fri. of Oct. to the Sun. after Thanksgiving Day.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: Last Saturday of December for 7 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during the youth deer hunt on designated portion and entire area 1st 2 days of modern firearms deer season **EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Day after firearms deer season ends to the last day of Feb.**

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Raccoon (Nighttime) Day after firearms deer season ends to the last day of Feb.

Bird Dog Training Area: Permit required. Open all year **EXCEPT CLOSED** during WMA Turkey Season. Contact Minden Office for permits and information.

Fishing: Nets and traps prohibited on Ivan Lake.

11. BOEUF (LDWF Owned - 50,967 Acres, Monroe Office):

Area Closed: To all south of LA 4 EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters when youth deer season is open. North of LA 4 open to all activities.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 2nd Saturday of January for 7 days.

Primitive Firearms: Day after the close of Firearms Bucks Only for 14 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during Deer Firearms Either-sex season, and **EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1st Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb. **Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are**

allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Mon. after 3rd Sat. of Oct.-Sun. prior to Thanksgiving, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31. Internal combustion engines and craft limited to 10 hp rating or less in the Greentree Reservoir.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

12. BUCKHORN (LDWF Owned - 11,264 Acres, Monroe Office):

Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all **EXCEPT** Youth and Physically Challenged Deer hunters.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth and Physically Challenged: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit; and 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 3rd Saturday of January for 7 days.

Primitive Firearms: Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 14 days.

Youth and Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: check map for location. Access restricted. Call Monroe or Baton Rouge Offices for further details.

Youth Lottery: Last consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Oct., 2nd Weekend in November, Fri., Sat. and Sun. following Thanksgiving, 2nd weekend and last consecutive Sat. and Sun. of Dec. and 1st consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan. Either-sex. Hunting by pre-application lottery only.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined: Last consecutive Sat. and Sun. In Oct., 2nd weekend in Nov., Fri., Sat. and Sun. following Thanksgiving, 2nd & 3rd weekend of Dec. and 1st consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan. Either-sex. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined. PCHP permittees only.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex gun hunts and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

13. BUSSEY BRAKE (LDWF Owned – XX Acres, Monroe Office):

Area closed to all hunting activity. Recreational fishing and all other allowed non-consumptive uses only.

14. CAMP BEAUREGARD (Louisiana National Guard - 12,500 Acres, Minden Office):

All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. All game harvested must be reported on self-clearing checkout permit. No hunting in Restricted Areas.

Area Closed: To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters and Permitted Disabled Veterans Hunters Sat. and Sun. preceding Veterans Day.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth Deer Hunt: Sat. and Sun. preceding Veterans Day, either-sex on designated portion of the WMA. **Disabled Veterans Deer Hunt: Sat. and Sun. preceding Veterans Day**, by lottery only, either-sex on designated portion of the WMA. Call Minden office for details and application.

Firearms Bucks Only: Dec. 26-Jan. 1.

Primitive Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, and 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days Mandatory Deer Check. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside, EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT CLOSED to squirrel hunting during the spring season. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Sat. after Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): Last consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan. to last day of Feb.

Fishing: Special regulations to be posted at Twin Lakes.

Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Wildlife Field office for specific details.

15. CLEAR CREEK (Owner - Hancock Timber- 53,776 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

Area Closed: To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth Deer Season is open.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Lake Charles or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons listed below.

Deer:

Archery: 3rd Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.

Youth Deer Hunt: Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check and Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after the last Sat. of Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, and 3rd Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex gun hunts and EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **the day after firearms bucks only season closes to the last day of Feb.**

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after firearms bucks only season closes to the last day of Feb.

16. DEWEY W. WILLS (LDWF Owned - 62,106 Acres, 1,530 Acres LaSalle Parish School Board, Opelousas Office):

Area Closed: to all EXCEPT Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters during the Physically Challenged and Youth Deer Hunt only on that portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Physically Challenged and Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex. Only that portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal shall be open only to Physically Challenged and youth deer hunters. The remainder of the area is open to all.

Youth Lottery: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, 1st Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, 2nd Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, and 3rd Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, either-sex. Contact Opelousas Office (337-948-0255) for details and applications.

Firearms Either-sex: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check. No hunting allowed in the greentree impoundment or within 100 feet of the greentree levee if duck season is in progress.

Firearms Bucks Only: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days and 4th Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: Last 7 days of Jan.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during Physically Challenged and Youth Deer Season north of the Diversion Canal and the entire area **during the either-sex firearm hunt EXCEPT waterfowl hunting will be allowed in the greentree impoundment during the firearm either-sex season and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel 1st Sat. of Oct.-3rd Sun. of Nov., and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

Nighttime Chase only: May 1-Sept. 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take season only.

Crawfish: Limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

LARTO TRACTS: All season dates on Larto Tracts (see WMA map) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to ARCHERY ONLY. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

17. ELBOW SLOUGH (LDWF Owned - 160 acres, Minden Office):

Youth Waterfowl Lottery: Contact the Minden Office for details and applications.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Waterfowl Lottery: Wheelchair confined, PCHP permittees only. Contact Minden Office for details and applications.

Mourning Dove: Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays only during Sept. and Oct. of the outside season, EXCEPT by lottery only opening weekend of 1st split. Applications available at Minden office and online. Contact Minden office for details.

Rabbit: Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb. Beagles allowed.

All other seasons closed. Non-toxic (minimum size #6) shot only for all hunting. All motorized vehicles prohibited.

18. ELM HALL (LDWF Owned - 2,839 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Self-clearing permits required for hunters only. ATVs/UTVs prohibited.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and the 4th Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

Primitive Firearms: Next to last Sat. in Jan. for 2 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearm seasons for deer, beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after the close of primitive firearms to the end of Feb. and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.

19. FLOY WARD McELROY (LDWF Owned - 681 acres, Monroe Office):

Access restricted. Contact Monroe Wildlife Field Office at 318-343-4045 for information.

Deer:

Youth Lottery 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, and the following 3 Sat. for 2 days, either-sex. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Lottery: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex. Restricted to wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

Beyond Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) Lottery Deer Hunt: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, either-sex. Hunt restricted to those that have successfully completed the Becoming an Outdoors Woman Deer Management Course. Must be Hunter Education certified. Contact LDWF Education Section, 318-343-1241, for more information.
Youth Mourning Dove Hunt: Second weekend of the Mourning Dove Season (Saturday and Sunday only beginning at noon. Gate opens at 11:00 AM).
Youth Lottery Squirrel Hunt: 1st Sat. of Oct. for 2 days. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

20. FORT POLK-VERNON (Owner - U.S. Army and U.S. Forest Service - 105,545 Acres, Lake Charles Office):
Daily military clearance is required to hunt any game. Telephone 337-531-5222 or 337-531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. Special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued or at <http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/hunt2/hunt/default.htm>. Hunters are cautioned not to pick up any foreign material or objects while hunting on the WMA. Also, it is mandatory for hunters to check the open area maps, located at check stations, daily for sudden closures.

Deer:

Archery: 3rd Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex. Special Archery regulations for Cantonment Area, check locally at Building #8590 at Alligator Lake, either-sex deer legal the entire season. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when bucks only gun season is in progress.

Primitive Firearms: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 7 days, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Firearms Either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, and Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after last Sat. of Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, 2nd Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and EXCEPT CLOSED to squirrel hunting during the spring season.** Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 12 days and Jan. 2 to the last day of Feb.**

Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **beginning of Archery Season to Jan. 1.** Hunters may hunt feral hogs with shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs from **Jan. 2 to the end of Feb.** Hunters must also display 400 square inches of hunter orange and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during special shotgun season for hogs.

Fishing: Special regulations pertaining to fishing are posted at specific lakes.

Experimental Hunting Area: Refer to Fort Polk WMA Hunting Map: Small game and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Mon. after Thanksgiving Day to last day of Feb. in Mill Creek 2 Alpha (MC2A) and Mill Creek 2 Bravo (MC2B) Mill Creek Unit. This area will be closed to deer and hog hunting during this time.

21. GRASSY LAKE (LDWF Owned - 12,983 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Area Closed: To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Hunt.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, **Oct. 16-Feb. 15** either-sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.**

Sport Fishing: Same as outside **EXCEPT** permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted **EXCEPT** on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor Spring Bayou Headquarters or Opelousas Wildlife Field Office.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Crawfishing: March 15-July 31. Recreational only. 100 lbs per person daily. No nets or traps may be left overnight.

22. HUTCHINSON CREEK (LDWF owned – 129 acres, Hammond Office):

Deer: Same as outside, Archery Only, Either-sex.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season 1st Sat. of May for 9 days. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1st Sat. of Jan to the last day of Feb.

Raccoon: 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan to the Last day of Feb.

23. JACKSON-BIENVILLE (Owner - Weyerhaeuser, et. al. - 25,274 Acres, Minden Office):

Area Closed (portion): Closed to all EXCEPT youth and Physically Challenged deer hunters during the Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunt.

Attaching stands to Red Cockaded Woodpecker cavity trees is prohibited. Cavity trees are marked with painted, yellow bands.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either sex.

Youth, Physically Challenged & Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined: Sat. after 2nd Fri. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, for physically challenged and youth hunters only on a portion of Jackson-Bienville WMA. Contact Minden Wildlife Field Office for Physically Challenged Permits and specific map. Self-Clearing permits are also required.

Firearms Either-sex: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day, 1st 2 days Mandatory Deer Check, to the last day of Dec.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 1st Saturday of January for 7 days.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED only during Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunt (a portion only) and whole area during the 1st two days of firearms either-sex season and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after firearms deer season ends to the last day of Feb.

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after firearms deer season ends to last day of Feb.

24. JOYCE (LDWF Owned –26,299 Acres, Joyce Heirs - 851 Acres, Tangipahoa Parish School Board - 484 Acres, Hammond Office):

Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk

Limited Access Area: No internal combustion engines allowed year round. See WMA map for specific location.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

Youth: Same as outside.

Firearms: Same as outside, still hunt only.

All Other Game: Same as outside and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, still hunt only. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.

Crawfish: Limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

25. LAKE BOEUF (LDWF Owned - 802 Acres, New Iberia Office):

Self-Clearing Permit required for all activities. Self-Clearing Permit available at Theriot Canal boat landing off LA Hwy. 308.

Hunting until 12:00 noon for all game EXCEPT deer may be hunted until one-half hour after sunset. All nighttime activities prohibited.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1- Oct. 15, bucks only; Oct. 16-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Small Game: Nov. 1 to last day of Feb. Beagles prohibited November and December and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.

26. LAKE RAMSEY (LDWF Owned - 796 Acres, Hammond Office):

All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads and designated parking areas.

Deer:

Archery only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. after Jan. 1 to last day of Feb.

Foot traffic only - All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

Bird Dog Training Area: Open all year **EXCEPT CLOSED** during WMA Turkey Season. Contact Hammond Office (985-543-4777) for information.

27. LITTLE RIVER (LDWF Owned –4,842 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms Bucks Only: Last Sat. of Oct. for 16 days.

Primitive Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Mon. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

Nighttime Chase Only: May 1-Sept. 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take seasons only.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Mon. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.**

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

28. LOGGY BAYOU (LDWF Owned - 4,085, State Land Office – 159, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers - 2,138 Acres, Minden Office):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 3rd Saturday of December for 7 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT youth hunt only on opening Saturday of first split of dove season (following regulations for Youth Deer Hunt on WMAs), and EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms seasons for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.

29. MANCHAC (LDWF Owned - 8,328 Acres, Hammond Office):

Limited Access Area: No internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific location.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only; Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT steel shot required for rails, snipe and gallinules and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.

Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

30. MARSH BAYOU (LDWF Owned – 655 acres, Lake Charles office):

Deer: Same as outside, Archery Only, Either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season 1st Sat. of May for 9 days.

Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1st Sat. of Jan to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel 1st Sat. of Oct.-Feb. 28, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.

Raccoon: 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan to the Last day of Feb.

31. MAUREPAS SWAMP (LDWF Owned – 122,098 acres, Hammond Office):

Type A personal watercraft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are 8 feet in length and greater, may be operated in the areas of Maurepas Swamp WMA from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day Weekend, from sunrise to sunset only. No person shall operate such watercraft at a speed greater than slow/no wake within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, shoreline, dock, pier, persons engaged in angling or any other manually powered vessel.

Camping limited to tent camping in designated areas. See WMA map for locations.

No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of Nature Trail.

Limited Use Area: Small game same as outside except shotgun only. Deer hunting archery only. See WMA map for specific location.

Area Closed: To all hunters EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Season.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only; **Oct. 16-Feb. 15** either sex.

Youth: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, and Sun. Self-Clearing Permit

Firearms Bucks Only: 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

Primitive Firearms: 2nd Sat. of Jan. for 2 days and Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan for 7 days.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED Friday after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days during either-sex firearms hunts and CLOSED during youth deer season and EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after primitive firearms ends to the last day of Feb.**

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after primitive firearms ends to last day of Feb.

Crawfish: Limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

32. PASS-A-LOUTRE (LDWF Owned - 115,596 Acres, New Iberia Office):

Limited Access Area: No internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific location.

Self-Clearing Permit required for deer, feral hog hunting and camping only. Permits available at Pass-a-Loutre Headquarters, Camp canal and all designated camping areas.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15, bucks only, **Oct. 16-Feb. 15**, either-sex.

Youth Shotgun, either-sex: second to last Sat in Oct. for 2 days.

Shotgun: bucks only and feral hogs may be taken with shotguns with either slugs or buckshot **from the day after the 1st split of the duck season closes for 7 days.**

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside. Beagles prohibited **October through last day of Waterfowl season.**

Feral Hogs: Hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs **Feb. 16 to March 31.** Hunters must also display 400 square inches of hunter orange and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during special shotgun season for hogs.

Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the LDWF Pass-a-Loutre WMA Map.

Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

Camping allowed **ONLY** in designated areas. See Self-Clearing Permit Stations at headquarters for designated camping areas. **Vessels/Vehicles:** Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion engines greater than 36 horsepower are prohibited on the WMA.

All-Terrain Vehicles and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

33. PEARL RIVER (LDWF Owned - 35,728 Acres, Hammond Office):

Rifle range: Self clearing permit not required but all range users must obtain a daily check-in validation slip at the range upon sign-in at the range. For dates, time or more information call 985-643-3938 or www.honeyisland.org.

Type A personal watercraft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are 8 feet in length and greater, may be operated in the areas of Pearl River WMA from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day Weekend, from sunrise to sunset only. No person shall operate such watercraft at a speed greater than slow/no wake within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, shoreline, dock, pier, persons engaged in angling or any other manually powered vessel.

No loaded firearms or hunting within 100 yards of Boardwalk.

Crawfish: Limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

Area Closed: To all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth Deer Hunt: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

Primitive Firearms: 2 Sats. prior to Thanksgiving for 7 days and day after firearms bucks only season closes for 14 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 3rd Saturday of January for 7 days.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED the Friday after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days during either-sex firearms hunts for deer, and closed during youth deer hunt, and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge Area and **EXCEPT CLOSED Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, and during youth deer hunt north of U.S. Hwy. 90.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

All roads closed 8 p.m. - 4:00 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting except waterfowl hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet. No hunting in the vicinity of the Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs.

34. PEASON RIDGE (Owner - U.S. Army - 33,010 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

Daily military clearance is required to hunt any game. Telephone 337-531-5222 or 337-531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. Special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued or at <http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/hunt2/hunt/default.html>.

Hunters are cautioned not to pick up any foreign material or objects while hunting on the WMA. Also, it is mandatory for hunters to check the open area maps, located at check stations, daily for sudden closures.

Deer:

Archery: 3rd Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex **EXCEPT** restricted to bucks only when bucks only gun season is in progress.

Primitive Firearms: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 7 days. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Firearms Either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, and Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after last Sat. of Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, 2nd Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and EXCEPT CLOSED to squirrel hunting during the spring season.** Hunter orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 12 days and Jan. 2 to last day of Feb.**

Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **beginning of Archery Season to Jan. 1.** Hunters may hunt feral hogs with shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs from **Jan. 2 to the end of Feb.** Hunters must also display 400 square inches of hunter orange and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during special shotgun season for hogs.

35. POINTE-AUX-CHENES (LDWF Owned - 35,267 Acres, New Iberia Office):

All nighttime activities prohibited **EXCEPT** fishing adjacent to the road side of Island Road. Possession of more than one daily limit of fish/crab/shrimp while on the WMA is prohibited. Nighttime use of vessels to access any other areas of the WMA, other than the immediate roadside of Island Road, is prohibited.

Limited Access Area: No internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific location.

Self-Clearing Permit required for deer and feral hog hunting only EXCEPT required for all activities on Point Farm Unit. Self-Clearing permits available at Grand Bayou Boat Launch, at Point Farm gate behind Montegut Middle School and at Bason's Boat Landing in Cutoff.

Hunting until 12 noon on all game **EXCEPT** for mourning dove and youth lottery deer hunts.

Vessels/Vehicle: All boats powered by engines having total horsepower ratings above 25 h.p. are not allowed in the Grand Bayou, Montegut, and Pointe-aux-Chenes water management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue St. Louis Canal and Bayou Pointe-Aux-Chenes unless authorized by the LDWF. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited unless authorized by the LDWF.

Type A personal watercraft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are 8 feet in length and greater, may be operated in the areas of Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day Weekend, from sunrise to sunset

only. No person shall operate such watercraft at a speed greater than slow/no wake within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, shoreline, dock, pier, persons engaged in angling or any other manually powered vessel.

Trapping: Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the LDWF, Coastal and Nongame Resources Division. All Pointe-aux-Chenes property **EXCEPT** Point Farm Unit and Restricted Areas:

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

Firearms Bucks Only: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days and 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 7 days.

Small Game: Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** during bucks only firearms seasons and **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles prohibited **October through December.**

Waterfowl: Same as outside. Experimental Lottery Physically Challenged Waterfowl Hunt. Contact New Iberia office, Coastal and Nongame Resources Division for details (337)-373-0032.

POINT FARM UNIT: Self-clearing permit required for all activities on Point Farm Unit. Point Farm Unit is an approximately 1,000 acre area inside the Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA which is generally bounded on the west by the double gates behind the Montegut Middle School and the WMA boundary, and on the north by the WMA boundary and Point Farm ridge levee, and is bounded on the east and south by the Point Farm ridge levee. The boundary of Point Farm is more accurately marked with signs. Point Farm gate will be open all weekends during the month of February. Parking in designated areas required for mourning dove hunting. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. **EXCEPT** for mourning dove hunting (provided for below) all other hunting activities closed until after the last day of Youth Deer Hunts.

25 mph speed limit on Point Farm Road.

Deer:

Youth Lottery: 1st Sat. of Oct. for 2 days and 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days (afternoons only), either-sex. Daily Youth Hunt Permit required. To apply or for more information call the New Iberia Office, Fur & Refuge Division, 337-373-0032.

Archery: Day after last Youth Lottery Deer Hunt to Oct. 15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Dec. 31, either-sex.

Mourning Dove: Hunting will be permitted each day during the September split and each day of the second and third splits (**AFTER** the last youth deer hunt day). Opening day hours of the September split will be from 12:00 noon until official sunset. Other weekend and all weekday hours will be from ½ hour before sunrise until noon. Gates will be opened on Saturdays during the first and second segments **EXCEPT** during waterfowl season and Youth Deer Hunts. Parking will be allowed in designated areas only. Non-toxic shot only south of the dove field gate.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** until day after last Youth Deer Hunt Day and **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles prohibited **October and November.** Non-toxic shot only south of the dove field gate.

Waterfowl: CLOSED.

Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat or vehicle per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat or vehicle per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per person per day. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish is for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

Hunters must display 400 square inches of hunter orange and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during special shotgun season for hogs.

36. POMME DE TERRE (LDWF Owned - 6,434 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Area Closed: To all **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Hunt.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: Last 7 days of Jan.

Primitive Firearms: Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 7 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms hunt for deer and **Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles

allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday **EXCEPT** closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing Permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Wildlife Field Office or Spring Bayou Headquarters.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside **EXCEPT** allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season.

Crawfish: March 15-July 31. Recreational only. 100 lbs. per person daily. No nets or traps may be left overnight.

37. RICHARD K. YANCEY (LDWF Owned - 57,004 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers - 12,802 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Area Closed: ONLY that portion of the area south of Black Hawk Acme Levee Road, west of LA Hwy. 15, southward to Old River Control Structure, thence south to Sugar Mill Chute, last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth Lottery: 3rd & 4th Sat of Dec. except if the 4th Sat. is Christmas Day, then the hunt will be the 2nd & 3rd Sat. of Dec. and the 1st and 2nd Sat. in Jan except when the 1st Sat. of Jan. is New Year's Day then the hunt will be the 2nd & 3rd Sat. of Jan., either-sex.

Youth and Physically Challenged: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, ONLY that portion of the area south of Black Hawk Acme Levee Road, west of LA Hwy. 15, southward to Old River Control Structure, thence south to Sugar Mill Chute, last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: Last Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: Last 7 days of Jan.

Primitive Firearms: Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 7 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during the either-sex firearms season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.** On that portion designated as **Small Game Emphasis Area,** beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel 1st Sat. of Oct.-Oct. 31, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Recreational crawfishing allowed west of the Mississippi River Levee only **Mar. 15 to July 31,** recreational crawfishing only. Crawfish harvested limited to 100 pounds per person per day. No traps left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed.

38. RUSSELL SAGE (LDWF Owned -30,651 Acres, Ouachita Parish School Board - 1,240 Acres, US Army Corps of Engineers - 2,954 Acres, Monroe Office):

AREA CLOSED: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days South of I-20 only to all EXCEPT Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters. North of I-20 open to all other allowable activities. Nighttime activity prohibited on Wham Brake during open waterfowl seasons.

Waterfowl Refuge: North of LA Highway 15 closed to all hunting, fishing, trapping and ATV use during duck season including early teal season, **EXCEPT** hunting allowed during Falconry Waterfowl Season.

Youth Waterfowl Lottery: Contact the Monroe Office for details and applications.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Waterfowl

Lottery: Wheelchair confined, PCHP permittees only. Contact Monroe Office for details and applications.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth and Physically Challenged: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, south of I-20 only.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: Day after last day of Firearms Bucks Only season for 7 days.

Primitive Firearms: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms deer seasons except Wham Brake area and Pintail Alley area and **EXCEPT** spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 1st Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit.

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided.

Internal combustion engines and craft limited to 10 hp rating or less in the Greentree Reservoirs. (Does not apply to Wham Brake)

Chauvin Tract: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (US 165 North) same as outside, **EXCEPT** still hunt only, **EXCEPT** deer hunting restricted to archery only, and **EXCEPT** small game shotgun only. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited. Wham Brake Area – Waterfowl hunting open during either-sex deer season.

39. SABINE (Owner - International Paper Company, Forest Capital Partners LLC, et al - 7,154 Acres, Minden Office):

Area Closed: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all but Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters. Physically Challenged Deer Hunt limited to those chosen by lottery. Contact Minden Office at 318-371-3050 for more details.

Application deadline is September 7 of each year.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth and Physically Challenged: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check, Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: Last Sat. of Oct. to day before Thanksgiving Day.

Primitive Firearms: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 9 days. **Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

40. SABINE ISLAND (Owner - State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board - 8,335 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

Area Closed: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days to all **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed day after Area 8 deer season ends to last day of Feb.

Deer: Same as Area 8 Deer Season **EXCEPT** still hunt only.

Archery: 3rd Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.

Youth: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days, either-sex.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after Area 8 deer season ends to last day of Feb.

Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from 3rd Sat. of Sept. to last day of Feb. Hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs Feb. 1 to last day of Feb.

41. SALVADOR/TIMKEN (LDWF Owned - 30,179 Acres, New Orleans City Park Improvement Association Owned-2,867 Acres, New Iberia Office):

Limited Access Area: No internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific location.

Self-Clearing Permit required for deer, feral hog, and all activities permitted during the Experimental Nighttime Activity Season. Permits available at Pier 90, Bayou Gauche and Bayou Segnette landings and at Air Boat Adventures in Lafitte.

Hunting until 12 noon only for all game **EXCEPT** deer, and Experimental Nighttime Activity Season. **Area Closed:** During the month of October to all activities **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters and Youth Waterfowl Hunters, if the later is provided for.

Deer:

Archery: Nov. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth: Last 4 Sats. of Oct. for 2 days each EXCEPT when the last Sat. is the 31st in which case the season will be the 1st four Sats. of Oct. for 2 days each, either sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. before Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. before Thanksgiving Day for 28 days.

Primitive Firearms: Day after Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED October through December. Hunting with or without beagles January and February.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 12 noon prohibited.

Hunters must display 400 square inches of hunter orange and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during special shotgun season for hogs.

Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per person per day. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Use of mudboats powered by internal combustion engines with more than four cylinders is prohibited. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited.

Experimental Nighttime Activity Season: Official Sunset June 1st to Official Sunrise August 15th.

Nighttime activities LIMITED to the take of frogs and fishing with a rod and reel. All other nighttime activities prohibited. Daily limit of 50 Frogs per vessel in aggregate (Bull Frogs/Pig Frogs). If engaged in frogging on or while traversing WMA, all frogs in possession will be deemed to have been taken from WMA. At no time may anyone possess more than one daily limit of frogs while on the water.

Size Limit: (Measured from the tip of the muzzle to the posterior end of the body between the hind legs) Bull Frogs harvested must be 5" or larger, Pig Frogs harvested must be 3" or larger. Check out portion of Self-Clearing Permit must include boat registration number under the comments section. Possession of firearms while participating in any Experimental Nighttime Activity is prohibited.

All All Terrain Vehicles, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited on this area.

42. SANDY HOLLOW (LDWF Owned - 4,174 Acres, Tangipahoa Parish School Board - 181 Acres, Hammond Office): No hunting with any firearm south of Jackson Road, except school board tract, on days of scheduled field trials. Dates of field trials are listed on the check stations or can be obtained from the Hammond office (985-543-4777).

Area Closed: North tract closed to all hunters 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, except Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters.

Deer:

Youth/Physically Challenged: 1st Sat. of Nov. For 2 days, either-sex, North Tract only.

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

Primitive Firearms: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 7 days, 4th Sat. of Dec. for 7 days, and the 1st Sat. of Jan. for 2 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days and Youth/Physically Challenged hunt, and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Mourning Dove: 1st day and 2nd Sat. through end of 1st split. Closed remainder of 1st split. Second and third splits are same as outside EXCEPT Youth Hunt on Northern tract during the opening day of the first segment. Hunt restricted to youths younger than 18 years of age and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

Bird Dog Training: Mon. after opening day of Mourning Dove Season to the Sun. before opening of Quail Season and Feb. 1 to last day of Feb., EXCEPT restricted to that portion south of LA Hwy. 10 only and EXCEPT blank pistols only. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

Bird Dog Training Area: An area has been designated to allow use of released birds for dog training purposes. Open all year **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer, WMA turkey season and opening weekend of the 1st segment of dove season. Contact Hammond Office (985-543-4777) for information.

Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Hammond Office.

Horseback Riding: Self-clearing Permit required. Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails (see WMA map). Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer **EXCEPT** as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. Horse-drawn conveyances prohibited.

43. SHERBURNE (LDWF Owned - 11,760 Acres; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - 15,220 Acres; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 16,618 Acres, Opelousas Office):

The area known as the South Farm is located on the East Side of Sherburne WMA. No hunting will be allowed **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunting within the levee system of the farm from the Fri. before the 1st lottery youth deer hunt on the South Farm until the close of the day after the last lottery duck hunt on the South Farm. Waterfowl hunting will be allowed by lottery only during the open regular duck hunting season. Hunting will be allowed in the wooded portions east of the waterfowl impoundments. Consult the WMA maps for exact locations.

Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days EXCEPT to Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters and South Farm closed to all hunters EXCEPT youth lottery deer hunters.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Opelousas or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons as listed below.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Waterfowl Hunting Area: Access restricted. Call Opelousas or Baton Rouge Offices for further details. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, **Oct. 16-Feb. 15** either sex.

Youth and Physically Challenged: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, **ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED**. Self-Clearing Permit.

Youth Lottery: Last Sat. and Sun. of Oct., 4th Mon. of Dec., and 1st and 2nd Sun. of Jan. **EXCEPT no hunt on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve**, either-sex. Contact Opelousas Office 337-948-0255 for details and applications.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days Mandatory Deer Check and Sun. after Thanksgiving, Self-Clearing Permit, and 2nd Fri. after Thanksgiving for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check, and 2nd Sun. after Thanksgiving for 6 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks only for 7 days.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during **Firearms Either-Sex Deer and EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.**

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel 1st Sat. of Oct.-Oct. 31 EXCEPT closed last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail, & Gallinules: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during **Firearms Either-Sex Deer** (excluding the South Farm Complex) and **EXCEPT** hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited **EXCEPT** no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge. That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm restricted to Lottery hunts only. South Farm waterfowl hunting limited to one hunt per calendar week per person. All other hunting closed on South Farm complex **from the last Saturday of October until the day after the last Waterfowl hunt on the South Farm.**

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Contact the Wildlife Field Office for details and description of "South Farm."

Youth Waterfowl Lottery: Contact Opelousas Office for details and applications.

Disabled Veterans Waterfowl Lottery: Contact Opelousas Office for details and applications.

Quail: CLOSED

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Crawfishing: March 15-July 31, Recreational crawfishing only. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per person per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized water craft allowed on farm complexes. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Wildlife Field office for specific details.

Vehicular traffic prohibited on East Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries.

Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office, telephone 225-765-2931. No trespassing in restricted areas behind ranges.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

Bird Dog Training Area: Open to bird dog training all year **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer, WMA turkey season, and opening weekend of 1st and 2nd segments of dove season.

44. SICILY ISLAND HILLS (LDWF Owned - 7,524 Acres, Monroe Office):

Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: A legal antlered deer shall be defined as deer with at least 4 points on one side. To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point. See season dates below.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check Fri. after Thanksgiving.

Firearms Bucks Only: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

Primitive Firearms: Day after close of Firearms Bucks Only for 14 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 2nd Saturday of January for 7 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Mon. closest to Jan. 15 to last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): 1st Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

Sport Fishing: Restricted to rod and reel gear only. All other gear prohibited.

45. SODA LAKE (Caddo Levee District - 1,300 Acres, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers - 1,200 Acres, Minden Office): Bicycles allowed. Vehicle parking allowed only in designated parking area on LA 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou and LA 169 adjacent to levee. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT:

Deer:

Archery Only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Small Game: Portion West of Twelve Mile Bayou same as outside, falconry only and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, Falconry only. Portion east of Twelve Mile Bayou open same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel **Jan. 1 to end of Feb. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.**

46. SPRING BAYOU (LDWF Owned - 12,506 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: A legal antlered deer shall be defined as deer with at least 4 points on one side. To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point. See season dates below.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks only for 7 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: Last 7 days of Jan.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT small game CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Waterfowl to remain open during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.**

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day and EXCEPT gill or trammel nets or the take or possession of grass carp are prohibited. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Wildlife Field Office. **CLOSED** until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT only allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Crawfish: March 15-July 31. Recreational only, 100 lbs. per person per day.

No hunting allowed in Headquarters area.

Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and Regulations posted at campsite. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite. Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

47. TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD (Owner - Tangipahoa Parish School Board - 1,643 Acres, Hammond Office)

Self-Clearing Permits required for all activities.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Deer: Same as outside.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.**

No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs are not allowed except as otherwise specified.

48. THISTLETHWAITE (Owner - Thistlethwaite Heirs - 11,100 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Restricted Area: Small game hunting allowed with shotgun only loaded with shot no larger than BB lead or F steel. Deer hunting allowed by archery only.

Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, EXCEPT to Youth Deer Hunters.

Deer: Mandatory Deer Check for all deer seasons **EXCEPT** archery. **10 year Experimental Quality Management Season:**

Seasons 2013-2014 through 2017-2018 will be structured under the following seasons.

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, **Oct. 16-Feb. 15** either-sex.

Youth Deer Hunt: Last. Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days and 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: Monday after last Firearms Either-Sex for 7 days.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.

Seasons 2018-2019 through 2023-2024 will be structured under the following seasons.

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, **Oct. 16-Feb. 15** either-sex.

Youth Deer Hunt: Last. Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days and 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

Primitive Firearms: 2nd Sat. of Nov. for 2 days and Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT**

CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, without dogs.

All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through Main Gate only.

49. TUNICA HILLS (LDWF Owned - 5,906 Acres, Hammond Office):

Area Closed: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.

Deer:

Archery: .Oct. 1-15, bucks only, Oct. 16-Jan. 31, either sex.

Youth Hunt: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

Primitive Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 17 days. Fri. after Thanksgiving Day Mandatory Deer Check, remainder of season Self-Clearing Permit.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED during Youth Deer Hunt and Primitive Firearms Deer Hunt and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs, South Tract only.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Feb. 1 to last day of Feb.** on South Tract only.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Feb. 1 to last day of Feb. on South Tract only.

Camping limited to tents only in designated areas.

50. UNION (Owner - Plum Creek Timber Co. - 11,193 Acres, Minden Office):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. for 9 days and all following Sats. and Suns. prior to Thanksgiving, Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days. Mandatory Deer Check for 1st 2 days.

Experimental Quality Deer Season: 4th Saturday of December for 7 days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms seasons for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.**

Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **day after Firearms Deer Season ends to last day of Feb.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after Firearms Deer Season ends to last day of Feb.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

51. **WALNUT HILLS** (LDWF owned –595 acres, Lake Charles Office):

Deer: Same as outside, Archery Only, Either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season 1st Sat. of May for 9 days. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1st Sat. of Jan to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel 1st Sat. of Oct.-Feb. 28, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

Raccoon: 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan to the Last day of Feb.

52. **WEST BAY** (Owners - Hancock Timber, Roy O. Martin, and Forest Investment - 59,064 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

Area Closed: Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters.

Limited USE Area: Small game same as outside EXCEPT shotgun only. Deer hunting - Archery only. See WMA map for specific location.

Deer:

Archery: 3rd Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.

Youth & Physically Challenged: Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, for physically challenged and youth hunters only.

Firearms Either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days Mandatory Deer Check and Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-Clearing.

Firearms Bucks Only: Day after firearms either-sex season in Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, and 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after firearms bucks only season closes to last day of Feb.

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after firearms bucks only season closes to last day of Feb.

U.S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS

INDIAN BAYOU AREA

(28,500 Acres within St. Landry and St. Martin Parishes):

Additional Permit required and posted restrictions apply for all persons regardless of age. Permits must be signed prior to hunting any game and must be carried at all times while in the field. To obtain a permit, see bulletin boards on-site, visit the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System Project Office, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577, phone (337) 585-0853 or visit the project website <https://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/> (then click on Atchafalaya Basin). All hunting shall be still hunting only, **EXCEPT** as otherwise specified.

Deer:

Daily Limit on deer is one per day. Antler Deer Point Restriction: A legal buck shall be defined as a deer with at least 4 points on one side or a deer with unbranched antlers commonly referred to as spikes (no minimum length). To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base.

The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point.

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunt: Oct. 31-Nov. 1 and Nov. 7-8, either-sex, no antler restrictions, Mandatory Deer Check. All other seasons CLOSED.

Firearms Either-sex: Nov. 27-29, Dec. 5-6. Mandatory Deer Check.

Primitive Firearms Either-sex: Dec. 11-13, Jan. 16-17.

Firearms Bucks Only: Jan. 2-10, Mandatory Deer Check.

Deer Youth Lottery: Nov. 21, Nov. 24, Dec. 19, Dec. 21. Contact Project Office for details.

Small Game, Migratory Game Birds & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Nov. 7-8, Nov. 27-29, and Dec. 5-6 (EXCEPT waterfowl season will remain open during all deer gun hunts). Hunting waterfowl after 2:00 p.m. prohibited. Squirrel and rabbit hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 18 -Feb. 29. Youth squirrel hunt Sept. 26-27. No spring squirrel season.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Sept. 12-27, Jan. 18-Feb. 29. Special use permit required.

Hogs, Coyote, Beaver, and Nutria: May be taken incidental to any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt. Consult U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' "Hunting Guide to Indian Bayou" brochure for additional posted restrictions.

**U.S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS
OLD RIVER CONTROL & LOCK AREAS**

(2,699 acres within Pointe Coupee, West Feliciana, and Concordia Parishes, owned by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers):

Additional permit not required; however, posted restrictions apply. For more information, visit the project website at www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/OldRiverControl.aspx, or contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Old River Control Natural Resources Specialist at (225) 492-2169 for more information.

All hunting shall be still-hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Deer:

Archery, Primitive Firearms, and Shotgun only.

Archery: Oct. 1 – 15, bucks only, **Oct 16-Jan. 31**, either-sex, EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Shotgun: Nov. 27-29, either-sex, **Dec. 26-Jan. 3**, bucks only.

Youth (17 yrs and under): Oct. 31-Nov. 1, either sex. **Primitive Firearms: Jan. 4-10**, either-sex

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside, hunting waterfowl after 2 p.m. is prohibited.

Squirrel: Same as outside, EXCEPT hunting with dogs allowed **Nov. 30-Dec. 25** and **Jan. 11 –Feb. 29**.

Rabbit: Same as outside, EXCEPT hunting with dogs allowed **Nov. 30-Dec. 25** and **Jan. 11 –Feb. 29**.

Night time Raccoon hunting, with dogs **Nov. 30-Dec. 25** and **Jan. 11 –Feb. 29**.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1 –Feb.29**.

**U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
BONNET CARRE SPILLWAY**

(7,623 acres within St. Charles Parish, owned by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers):

Additional permit required and posted restrictions apply for all persons regardless of age. Permits must be signed prior to hunting any game and must be carried at all times while in the field. For permits or more information, see bulletin boards on-site, visit the project website at www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/ (then click on Bonnet Carré Spillway), or contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bonnet Carré Spillway Project Office at (985) 764-7484 for more information.

All hunting shall be **still-hunting only**, EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Deer*: Archery and Shotgun (buckshot) only.

Archery: Oct. 1 - Oct 15 bucks only; Oct 16 – Feb. 15, either sex

Shotgun: Nov. 27-29, either-sex; Dec. 19 - Jan. 3, bucks only

Youth: Oct. 24-25, either sex. Additional permit required from Spillway office.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside, EXCEPT hunting waterfowl after 12 noon is prohibited, and EXCEPT hunting squirrel and rabbit with dogs is prohibited only on that portion north of US Hwy. 61 during shotgun season for deer.

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
BARATARIA PRESERVE**

(23,500 Acres within Jefferson Parish owned by National Park Service)

Additional permit and regulations apply. Contact Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve at 504-689-3690 or www.nps.gov/jela for additional information.

Hunting permits issued Sept. 5 - Oct. 1.

Hunting will be closed December 24, January 1.

All Barataria Preserve hunting ends on Sunday, Jan. 31.

All stands must be removed by Sunday, Feb. 7.

Deer:

Archery, bucks only: Oct. 1-15.

Archery, either-sex: Oct. 16-Dec. 23, Jan. 2- Jan. 31.

Shotgun, bucks only (unless either sex season is in progress): Nov. 14- Dec. 23, Jan. 2- Jan. 24.

Shotgun, either-sex: Nov. 27-29, Dec. 12-13, Jan. 9-10, Jan. 25-31.

Shotgun, youth, either-sex: Nov. 7-8

Hogs: Oct. 1- Dec. 23, Jan. 2- 31.

Small Game: (squirrel, nutria, rabbit). Oct. 3- Dec. 23, Jan. 2- 31.

Migratory Game Birds & Waterfowl: Same as outside.

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST (KNF)

All Seasons for KNF are for 2015-2016 only.

Vehicles:

- Motorized travel off designated roads and trails and outside designated areas is prohibited on the entire KNF. Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) showing designated roads and trails and associated vehicles and travel seasons are available in all Forest Service offices and on the Kisatchie website (www.fs.usda.gov/kisatchie).
- ATV/UTV (50" maximum width): operation is prohibited on public roads and road rights-of-ways. Use is allowed on Forest roads designated as open seasonally to ATV/UTV use. Use is prohibited in some campsites and recreation areas; see bulletin boards for additional information. (Also see MVUM)
- Nighttime ATV/UTV travel is prohibited. ATV/UTV travel is allowed between one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset.
- Game retrieval with an ATV/UTV is only allowed within designated 300-foot corridors (see MVUM).
- Camping corridors for highway legal vehicles to drive within 100 feet of the road and camp are designated on the Caney District and in the National Red Dirt Wildlife Management Preserve.

Hunter Orange:

- LDWF WMA regulations for hunter orange apply.

General: Hunting or discharging a firearm in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area, across/on a NFSR (National Forest System Road) legally open to motorized use, across a body of water where any person/property is exposed to injury/damage as a result of such discharge, is prohibited.

Deer Hunting General:

- Bag Limit = 1 deer of the appropriate sex per day up to the statewide seasonal limit
- All deer hunting is still-hunting only.
- All deer must be tagged as required by LDWF regulations.
- Hunting stand, blind, tripod, baiting, spot-lighting, etc. regulations applicable to LDWF WMAs are in effect on KNF (refer to "Methods of Taking Game" section of the 2014-2015 LDWF WMA Regulations).
- The training of deer dogs is prohibited year-round.
- See separate schedule for Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves.
- LDWF Youth Deer Hunt regulations apply for all KNF lands except that archery and open season small game hunting is allowed (excluding those portions of the Vernon Unit within Fort Polk-Vernon WMA).

Archery – Deer Hunting:

- General: either-sex deer may be taken at any time by archers during the archery season EXCEPT when bucks-only firearms seasons are in progress on KNF (archers must hunt only bucks during bucks-only firearm seasons)
- Archers must adhere to the full hunter orange requirements during any firearm season for deer.
- Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Vernon Parish, excluding Fort Polk WMA): Sept. 19 - Jan. 15.
- Catahoula (Grant & Rapides parishes), Winn (Winn, Grant & Natchitoches parishes), Kisatchie Ranger Districts (Natchitoches Parish), Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Rapides Parish), and Caney Ranger District (Webster and Claiborne parishes): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31 (including Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves).

Firearms – Deer Hunting (excludes the Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves):

- Catahoula (Grant & Rapides Parishes), Winn (Winn, Grant & Natchitoches parishes), Kisatchie Ranger Districts (Natchitoches Parish), Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Rapides Parish), and the Vernon Unit or the Calcasieu Ranger District (Vernon Parish, excluding Fort Polk WMA).

Youth, either-sex, Oct. 10-11, still hunt only; LDWF Youth Deer Hunt regulations apply except that archery and open season small game hunting is allowed. LDWF regulations for hunter orange apply.

Primitive Firearms, Either-sex: Oct. 17-18, still hunt only. LDWF Youth Deer Hunt regulations apply.

Firearms, Either-sex: Oct. 24-25 and Nov. 27, still hunt only.

Firearms, Bucks only: Oct. 30-Nov. 26, 28-29, Dec. 12-27, still hunt only.

- **Caney Ranger District (Webster and Claiborne parishes): Same as outside including Youth Hunt and Primitive Firearms (Area 2) except still hunt only. Either-sex entire season.**

Other seasons on Entire KNF:

- **Rabbit, Squirrel, Quail & Migratory Game Birds: Same dates and bag limits as outside except closed to squirrel hunting during the spring season.**

- **Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT waterfowl hunting ceases at 2 p.m. If hunting on Corney Lake (Caney Ranger District) a permit (free of charge) is required for the use of a duck blind on the lake.
 - **Feral Hogs, Coyotes, Armadillos & Beavers:** May be taken during daylight hours only, on any KNF hunt by properly licensed hunters with weapons legal for that hunt
 - **Raccoons, Opossums, Fox (chase only) (nighttime, chase only):** May be hunted during daylight or nighttime from Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 unless otherwise stated. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, two per person per day, except during the trapping season when there shall be no limit. (Please see Louisiana Trapping Regulations pamphlet for additional information. Also please see “Hunting-dog usage during deer firearm seasons” section below for exceptions.)
 - **Bobcat and Nutria:** LDWF Regulations apply.
 - **Crows, Blackbirds, Grackles & Cowbirds:** May be taken Sept. 1-Jan. 1 only.
 - **Turkey:** See LDWF Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet for additional information.
 - **Fishing:** LDWF state creel limits apply (See Louisiana Fishing Regulations pamphlet for additional information).
- **Trapping:** See LDWF Trapping Regulations pamphlet for additional information.

Hunting Dog Usage:

Hunting-dog usage during deer firearm seasons (only for KNF areas outside the Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves): Hunting dogs that are legal for hunting species other than deer, and that stay within voice-command distance of handler are allowed during deer gun hunts. Hunting dogs that range beyond voice-command distance of handler are prohibited during deer gun hunts. The training of deer or hog dogs is prohibited year-round. Hunting with; recognized bird-hunting dogs during quail and woodcock seasons, recognized raccoon-hunting dogs during raccoon hunting season and recognized pointer/retriever dogs during migratory bird season is permissible. Only beagles which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder may be used for rabbit hunting. All dogs must be collared with owner’s name and phone number attached. Dogs running at large are prohibited. The owner/handler shall be liable. Hog hunting with dogs is not allowed.

Hunting-dog training: from March 1- Sept. 30. (EXCEPT all dogs prohibited during turkey hunting season), Allowed only in the following circumstances: dogs are within voice-command distance of handler; dogs are participating in night-time raccoon chases mentioned above; dogs are participating in licensed events conducted by nationally-recognized kennel clubs (KNF permit required – contact Forest Supervisor’s office); dogs are under close control of hikers; and any dog on a leash. No firearms allowed while training dogs. Hunting-dog training prohibited in Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves.

Bird Dog Training Area: Only that portion of the Vernon Unit known as the “dove field”. Bird dogs may be trained year round EXCEPT CLOSED during turkey season. Permit required from LDWF to use pen-raised quail.”

Hunting-dog Nighttime Chase Only: (All breeds allowed, no deer dogs or hog dogs). May 1 - Sept. 30, Tuesdays and Fridays only. No firearms allowed. Nighttime ATV/UTV travel is prohibited. Hunting-dog nighttime chase is prohibited in the Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves during this period.

Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves (NWMP)

Owner: U. S. Forest Service: (Catahoula NWMP - 36,000 Acres in Grant and Winn Parishes; Red Dirt NWMP - 38,000 Acres in Natchitoches Parish).

Season Permit required for hunting, fishing and or trapping on the preserve: for a permit or to get additional information contact; the Forest Supervisor’s office, Winn, Catahoula or Kisatchie Ranger District offices or www.fs.fed.us/r8/kisatchie/hunting/index.html. In addition to the Season Permit a **Self-clearing Daily Permit** is required for all hunters during all deer gun hunts and turkey hunts. The Self-clearing Daily Permits will be available at the main check stations, hunter-camps within the NWMPs, Kisatchie, Winn and Catahoula district offices, and at the Forest Supervisor’s Office. Permits are free of charge. The self-clearing permit consists of two portions; check-in and check-out. The check in portion **must** be completed and put in the permit box before each hunt on the day of the hunt. The check-out portion **must** be carried by each person while on the NWMP and **must be completed** and put in the permit box immediately at the end of the day’s hunt.

Note: When Mandatory Deer Checks are specified (see below), **all** hunters **must** check deer at the NWMPs main check stations.

Hunting with Dogs: Hunting with; recognized bird-hunting dogs during quail and woodcock seasons, recognized raccoon-hunting dogs during raccoon hunting season, and recognized pointer/retriever dogs during migratory bird season is permissible. Only beagles which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder may be used for rabbit hunting. All dogs must be collared with owner's name and phone number attached. Dogs running at large are prohibited. The owner/handler shall be liable. No training of dogs in the NWMPs outside of pertinent seasons.

Select Prohibitions: Additional information and prohibitions are provided on Season Permit for the NWMPs.

Deer:

Archery Season: Same as Area 2. Archers are required to check harvested deer at the main check station during the mandatory deer check days, see dates below.

Special Youth Hunt, Either-sex): Oct. 10-11, still hunt only. Self-clearing daily permit required.

• LDWF Youth Deer Hunt regulations apply except that archery hunting is allowed. LDWF WMA regulations for hunter orange apply.

Physically-challenged Hunt, Either-sex: Oct. 10-11, still hunt only, self-clearing daily permit required; hunters must also have in possession a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunters Permit.

Primitive Firearms, Either-sex: Oct. 17-18, still-hunt only, self-clearing daily permit required. Mandatory deer check at main check stations.

Firearms, Either-sex: Nov. 24-25, and Nov. 27, still-hunt only, self-clearing daily permit required. Mandatory deer check at main check stations.

Firearms, Bucks only: Nov. 28-29, still-hunt only, self-clearing daily permit required.

Squirrel, Rabbit, Quail, Dove, Woodcock, and Waterfowl (without dogs): All seasons same as outside (unless otherwise stated) except closed during deer firearm hunts. Consult LDWF hunting pamphlet for additional information. No spring squirrel season.

Squirrel/Rabbit (with dogs): Jan. 9-Feb. 29.

Quail (with dogs): Nov. 14-Feb. 28.

Raccoon/Opossum (non-dog season/daylight hours) May be taken by properly licensed hunter as incidental take with gear legal for the season in progress.

Raccoon (nighttime, with dogs): Jan. 19-Feb. 29.

Fishing: Closed to fishing during deer gun hunts.

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

(14,668 acres within Concordia Parish, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Deer:

Archery: Nov. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex, limit one deer per day.

Youth Lottery: Dec. 12, 19, and Jan. 9, either-sex, state limits apply.

Physically Challenged Lottery: Jan. 15-16, either sex, state limits apply.

Lottery Firearms: Dec. 4-6, either sex, limit one deer per day.

Youth Firearms: Oct. 31 – Nov. 1, either-sex, state limits apply.

Primitive Firearms: Jan. 2-7, either-sex, limit one deer per day.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during youth firearms, primitive firearms, and lottery hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Jan. 17-Feb. 29.**

Waterfowl: same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED after 12:00 noon, and EXCEPT CLOSED on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and during youth firearms, primitive firearms, and lottery hunts for deer.

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

BAYOU SAUVAGE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

(25,000 acres within Orleans Parish, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Waterfowl (Youth Hunts): same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED after 12:00 noon, and EXCEPT CLOSED on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

BAYOU TECHE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

(9,028 acres within St. Mary Parish, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31 EXCEPT CLOSED during youth and firearms deer seasons, either-sex, limit one deer per day.

Youth Firearms: Oct. 31 – Nov. 1, either-sex, limit one deer per day.

Firearms: Nov. 20-22, either-sex, limit one deer per day.

Small Game: 1st Sat. of Oct.-Jan. 31, EXCEPT CLOSED during youth and firearms deer seasons.

Waterfowl: same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED after 12:00 noon, and EXCEPT CLOSED during firearms deer season.

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

BIG BRANCH MARSH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

(19,000 acres within St. Tammany Parish, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31 either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside, EXCEPT CLOSED during spring squirrel season. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Feb. 1-28.

Waterfowl: same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED after 12:00 noon, and EXCEPT CLOSED on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

BLACK BAYOU NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

(4,500 acres within Ouachita Parish, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex, limit one deer per day.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during spring squirrel season. Beagles allowed for rabbit and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 1- Feb. 29.

Waterfowl: same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED after 12:00 noon.

Raccoon, Opossum: Dec. 1-Jan. 31.

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

BOGUE CHITTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

(36,000 acres within St. Tammany Parish and Pearl River County, MS, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Youth Firearms: Nov. 13-15, either-sex.

Firearms: Nov. 20-26, bucks only.

Nov. 27-29, either-sex.

Dec. 19-27, either-sex.

Primitive Firearms: Jan. 18-24 (either-sex) and Jan. 25-26 (bucks only).

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during spring squirrel season and during deer firearms and primitive firearms hunts. Beagles allowed for rabbit and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Oct. 26-Nov. 7, and Feb. 1-29.

Waterfowl: same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED after 12:00 noon.

Raccoon, Opossum (nighttime only): Jan. 1-Feb. 29.

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

CAMERON PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

(9,621 acres within Cameron Parish, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Fri. before state waterfowl season opens, either-sex.

Waterfowl Youth Lottery: Open all Saturdays, and also weekdays during school holidays during state Area season. CLOSED after 2:00 pm.

Waterfowl Senior Lottery (seniors 55 and older): Designated Wednesdays during state Area season. CLOSED after 2:00 pm.

Snipe: Day after waterfowl season closes-End of state season.

Dove: Open during 1st split of state season one half hour before sunrise to sunset.

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

CATAHOULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

(25,162 acres within Catahoula and LaSalle Parishes, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Headquarters Unit Seasons:

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex, limit one deer per day, **EXEPT CLOSED** in the French Fork Unit during the firearms season.

Firearms: Dec. 12-13, either-sex, limit one deer per day.

Small Game: 1st Sat. in Oct.-Oct. 31 and 1st Sat. of Feb.- End of state season.

Bushley Bayou Unit Seasons:

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex, limit one deer per day, **EXEPT CLOSED** during the firearms and primitive firearms seasons for deer.

Firearms: Nov. 27-29, Dec. 12-13, either-sex, limit one deer per day.

Primitive Firearms: Nov. 16-20, Dec. 19-20, either-sex, limit one deer per day.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during the firearms and primitive firearms seasons for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Dec. 21-Feb. 29**.

Waterfowl: same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED after 12:00 noon and EXCEPT CLOSED on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and EXCEPT CLOSED during the firearms and primitive firearms seasons for deer.

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

CAT ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

(10,473 acres within West Feliciana Parish, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15, bucks only, limit one deer per day. **Oct. 16-Feb. 15**, either-sex, limit one deer per day, **EXCEPT CLOSED** during lottery deer seasons.

Youth Firearms: Nov. 1-2, either-sex, limit one deer per day.

Lottery Primitive Firearms: Nov. 13-15, either sex, limit one deer per day.

Lottery Firearms: Dec. 11-13, either-sex, state limits apply.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during lottery deer seasons. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Jan. 6-Feb. 29**.

Waterfowl: same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED after 12:00 noon and EXCEPT CLOSED on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and EXCEPT CLOSED during lottery deer seasons.

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

D'ARBONNE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

(17,419 acres within Ouachita and Union Parishes, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either sex,

Physically Challenged: Nov. 14-15, either-sex.

Firearms: Nov. 7-8, 27-29, Dec. 5-6, either-sex.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during spring squirrel season. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Dec. 7-Feb. 29**.

Waterfowl: same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED after 12:00 noon.

Raccoon, Opossum: Dec. 1-Jan. 31.

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

DELTA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

(48,800 acres within Plaquemines Parish, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15, bucks only,

Oct. 16-31: either-sex.

Day after waterfowl season closes end of state season, either-sex.

Small Game: Day after waterfowl season closes-Feb. 29. Beagles allowed for rabbits.

Waterfowl: same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED after 12:00 noon, and EXCEPT CLOSED Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.

Raccoon, Opossum: Dec. 1-Jan. 31.

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

GRAND COTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

(6,000 acres within Avoyelles Parish, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15, bucks only, limit one deer per day. **Oct. 16-Feb. 15**, either-sex, limit one deer per day,
Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Feb. 1-29**.
Waterfowl: same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED after 12:00 noon and EXCEPT CLOSED on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
Waterfowl Lottery: Wednesdays and Saturdays during the second split of state waterfowl season.
Waterfowl Youth: Saturday of state waterfowl hunt, EXCEPT CLOSED after 12:00 noon.
Raccoon, Opossum: Dec. 1-Jan. 31.

**U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

(34,878 acres within Cameron and Evangeline Parishes, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Fri. before state waterfowl season opens, either-sex.
Waterfowl: same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED after 2:00 pm, and EXCEPT CLOSED on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.
Waterfowl Youth Lottery: Open designated Saturdays, and also weekdays during school holidays during 2nd split, EXCEPT CLOSED after 2:00 pm.
Waterfowl Senior Lottery (seniors 55 and older):
 Designated Wednesdays during state Area season. CLOSED after 2:00pm.

**U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
LAKE OPHELIA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

(17,500 acres within Avoyelles Parish, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Deer:

Archery: Nov. 1- Feb. 15, either-sex, limit one deer per day, **EXCEPT CLOSED during lottery deer seasons.**
Lottery Youth Firearms: Dates to be announced, either-sex.
Lottery Primitive Firearms: Dates to be announced, either-sex, limit one deer per day.
Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED during lottery deer seasons and youth waterfowl season**, .
Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Feb. 1-Feb. 29**.
Waterfowl: same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED after 12:00 noon and EXCEPT CLOSED on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and EXCEPT CLOSED during lottery deer seasons.
Waterfowl Youth: Saturday of state waterfowl hunt, EXCEPT CLOSED after 12:00 noon.

**U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
MANDALAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

(4,416 acres within Terrebonne Parish, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-15, bucks only.
 Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either-sex, limit one deer per day.
Waterfowl: same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED after 12:00 noon, and EXCEPT CLOSED Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
Waterfowl Youth Lottery: Wednesdays and Saturdays from legal sunrise to noon.

**U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
RED RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

(15,088 acres within Bossier, Caddo, Desoto, Red River, and Natchitoches Parishes, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex, limit one deer per day.
Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED during spring squirrel season.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Jan. 1-Feb. 28**.
Waterfowl: same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED after 12:00 noon.
Waterfowl Youth Lottery: Dates to be determined.
Dove: 1st 2 days of state season.
Raccoon, Opossum: Dec. 1-Jan. 31, daytime only.

**U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

(125,000 acres within Cameron Parish, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Waterfowl: same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED after 2:00 pm, and EXCEPT CLOSED on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.

**U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
TENSAS RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

(80,000 acres within Tensas Parish, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Deer:

Archery: Nov. 7. – Jan. 31, either-sex, limit one deer per day, **EXCEPT CLOSED** during youth firearms deer season, deer lottery hunts, and primitive firearms season.

Youth Lottery: Dec. 22, 29, either-sex.

Youth Firearms: Oct. 31-Nov. 1, either-sex, limit one deer per day.

Lottery Wheelchair Bound: Jan. 9, either sex.

Lottery Firearms: Nov. 27-28, Dec. 12-13, either-sex, limit one deer per day.

Firearms, antlerless only: Nov. 21, antlerless only.

Primitive Firearms: Dec. 5-6, either-sex, limit one deer per day.

Small Game: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, **EXCEPT CLOSED** during lottery and primitive firearms deer seasons. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Jan. 9 –Feb. 29**, **EXCEPT CLOSED** to incidental take on outlaw quadrupeds from **Feb. 1-29**.

Waterfowl: same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED after 2:00 pm and **EXCEPT CLOSED** on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Raccoon (nighttime): Dec. 19-Jan. 16.

**U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
UPPER OUACHITA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

(52,848 acres within Ouachita and Union Parishes, owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service):

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either sex, limit one deer per day.

Firearms: Nov. 7-8, 27-29, Dec. 5-6, either-sex, limit one deer per day.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during spring squirrel season. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Dec. 7-Feb. 29**.

Waterfowl: same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED after 12:00 noon.

Dove: 1st split of state season.

Raccoon, Opossum: Dec. 1-Jan. 31.

CAMP AVONDALE SCOUT RESERVATION East Feliciana Parish

Deer: Firearms: either-sex; November 7-9. Restricted to scout program.

Public Comments heard

Mr. Steve Bateau – retired engineer, avid deer and duck hunter. Concerns are about the Atakapa deer hunting season. Rifle season was discontinued a few years ago due to high water (9 days, Bucks only) Rifle hunters do not have the opportunity to hunt bucks.

Mr. Bateau is asking the Commission to consider extending and/or changing the dates.

He stated that bow hunters have more opportunities than the rifle hunters and not all hunters are bow hunters.

WLF Deer Program Manager Scott Durham stated that the department will consider this request. He stated that the area is impacted by a lot of water; however it was actually closed due to the public’s request to close it.

Commissioner Graham stated that we need to figure out how to address the situation of bow hunters and the rifle hunters to be fair to everyone.

Steve Smith stated that the WMA’s are managed as “Optional Harvest”. Archery hunters are a growing group. He stated they will consult with field staff and will meet with Mr. Bateau after the commission meeting to discuss his concerns further.

Commissioner Yakupzack thanked Mr. Bateau for his comments and recommended he and the other hunters in his area come to the public hearings and speak during the public comments.

There were no other comments or questions heard.

A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Swindell. Vice Chairman Manuel called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record)

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NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Office of Wildlife**

Resident Game Hunting Season, Resident Game Birds and Animals, General and Wildlife Management Area Rules and Regulations, General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations, and Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits (LAC XIX.101, 103, 111, 113, and 115)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has amended the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the 2015-2016 season, the resident game hunting season for the 2015-2017 hunting seasons, the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the turkey season, the turkey hunting areas, and seasons, and bag limits for the 2016 turkey season.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

A. The resident game hunting season regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the regulation pamphlet may be obtained from the department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), LR 30:1493 (July 2004), LR 31:1627 (July 2005), LR 32:1253 (July 2006), LR 33:1399 (July 2007), LR 34:1447 (July 2008), LR 35:1278 (July 2009), LR 36:1580 (July 2010), LR 37:2206 (July 2011), LR 38:1747 (July 2012), LR 40:1534 (August 2014).

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals

A. Shooting Hours—one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult regulation pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on wildlife management areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	OPENS: 3rd Saturday of November CLOSES: Last Day of February	10	20
Rabbit and Squirrel	OPENS: 1st Saturday of October CLOSES: Last Day of February	8	16
Squirrel *	OPENS: 1st Saturday of May for 23 days	3	6
Deer 2015-17	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season (not to exceed 3 antlered deer or 4 antlerless deer)

C.Deer Hunting Schedule 2015-2016

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan.
2	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Next to last Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before last Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan. CLOSES: After 7 days.	OPENS: Last Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Tues. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Wed. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Tues. in odd numbered years or Wed. during even numbered years before the 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: Wed. before the 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Thurs. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the Wed. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. on odd years and Thurs. during even numbered years CLOSES: 40 days after opening in odd numbered years or 39 days after opening in even numbered years
3	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days	
4	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov.(EITHER SEX) OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan. (EITHER SEX FOR 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Friday after Thanksgiving CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 4th Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 4th Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)
5	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Day after the close of Modern Firearm Season CLOSES: After 7 consecutive days (EITHER SEX)	OPENS: Day after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: 2nd Sun. of Jan.(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: 1 st Sun. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)	

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
6	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan.
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8	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day.	OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days.
9	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov.(BUCKS ONLY) OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.(EITHER SEX 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving day. (EITHER SEX)	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Sat. after Christmas. CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 2nd Sat. in Jan. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. in Jan. (EITHER SEX)
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D. Deer Hunting Schedule 2016-2017

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan.
2	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Next to last Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before last Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan. CLOSES: After 7 days.	OPENS: Last Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Tues. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Wed. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Tues. in odd numbered years or Wed. during even numbered years before the 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: Wed. before the 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Thurs. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the Wed. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. on odd years and Thurs. during even numbered years CLOSES: 40 days after opening in odd numbered years or 39 days after opening in even numbered years
3	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days	
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- E. Farm-raised white-tailed deer on supplemented shooting preserves:
 - 1. archery, firearm, primitive firearms—October 1-January 31 (either-sex).
- F. Exotics on supplemented shooting preserves:
 - 1. either sex—no closed season.
- G. Spring squirrel hunting:
 - 1. season dates—opens 1st Saturday of May for 23 days;
 - 2. closed areas:
 - a. Kisatchie National Forest, national wildlife refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property and all WMAs except as provided in Paragraph 3 below;
 - 3. wildlife management area schedule—opens 1st Saturday of May for nine days on all WMAs except Fort Polk, Peason Ridge, Camp Beauregard, Pass-a-Loutre and Salvador. Dogs are allowed during this season for squirrel hunting. Feral hogs may be taken on wildlife management areas during this season;
 - 4. limits—daily bag limit is three and possession limit is nine.

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§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

- A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Regulations
 - 1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by sections 115 and 116 of title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised Statutes* of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.
 - 2. Pursuant to section 40.1 of title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised Statutes* of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the LDWF a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.
- B. Resident Game Birds and Animals
 - 1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- C. Other Season Dates
 - 1. Turkey. Please refer to turkey regulations.
 - 2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearm. A licensed

hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearm, .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloader rifle or shotgun during daylight hours. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is two per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Nutria. On WMAs and private property nutria may be taken recreationally by licensed hunters from September 1 through the last day of February, during legal shooting hours by any legal hunting method with a daily limit of five. Except nutria may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador/Timken, Pointe-Aux-Chenes and Pass-a-Loutre WMAs from September 1 to March 31. When taken with a shotgun, non-toxic shot must be used. On WMAs during waterfowl seasons, nutria may be taken only with the use of shotguns with shot no larger than F steel, and during gun deer seasons, anyone taking nutria must display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" and wear a "hunter orange" cap or hat. Recreational nutria hunters must remove each nutria carcass in whole condition from the hunting area, except that nutria may be gutted. Possession of detached nutria parts, including nutria tails, by recreational hunters is illegal. Nutria harvested recreationally may not be pelted nor may such nutria or any nutria parts from recreationally taken nutria be sold, including the tail. Trespassing upon private property for the purpose of taking nutria or other furbearing animals is punishable by fines and possible jail time (R.S. 56:265). The Coastwide Nutria Control Program is a separate program and is in no way related to the nutria recreational season. For questions on the Coastwide Nutria Control Program, call the New Iberia office (337) 373-0032.

4. Blackbirds and Crows. The season for crows shall be September 1 through January 1 with no limit; however crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles may be taken year round during legal shooting hours if they are depredating or about to depredate upon ornamentals or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers as to cause a health hazard. Louisiana has determined that the birds listed above are crop depredators and that crows have been implicated in the spread of the West Nile virus in humans. As described in 50 CFR Part 21, non-toxic shot must be used for the take of crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles under the special depredation order. In addition an annual report has to be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for those that participate in the take of these species.

5. Pheasant. Open concurrently with the quail season; no limit.

6. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species may be taken except turkeys. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific falconry rules.

7. Licensed Hunting Preserve, October 1-April 30, Pen-Raised Birds Only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific hunting preserve rules.

8. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP rules. Deer management assistance tags must be in the possession of the hunter in order to harvest an antlerless deer. The tag shall be attached through the hock in such a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with approved archery equipment or primitive firearms). Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Deer harvested on property enrolled in DMAP do not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters when legally

tagged with DMAP tags. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved.

9. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

Exotics—for purposes of this Section means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a supplemented hunting preserve. *Exotics* shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

Hunting—in its different tenses and for purposes of this Section means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

Same as Outside—for purposes of this Section means hunting on a supplemented hunting preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised Statutes* and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Supplemented Hunting Preserve—for purposes of this Section means any enclosure for which a current farm-raising license has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the LDWF and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

White-Tailed Deer—for purposes of this Rule means any animal of the species *Odocoileus virginianus* which is confined on a supplemented hunting preserve.

b. Seasons:

- i. farm-raised white-tailed deer: consult the regulations pamphlet;
- ii. exotics: year round.

c. Methods of take:

- i. white-tailed deer: same as outside;
- ii. exotics: exotics may be taken with traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only and other approved primitive firearms.

d. Shooting hours:

- i. white-tailed deer: same as outside;
- ii. exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag limit:

- i. farm-raised white-tailed deer: same as outside;
- ii. exotics: no limit.

f. Hunting licenses:

- i. white-tailed deer: same as outside;
- ii. exotics: no person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed deer and exotics: each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

10. Bobcat. No person other than the holder of a valid big game license may take or possess bobcat, except licensed trappers who may take or possess bobcat during the open trapping season. A big game

licensee shall only take bobcat during the time period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset with approved archery equipment, shotgun, muzzleloader or centerfire firearm. A big game licensee shall not take more than one bobcat per calendar year. This regulation applies only to property that is privately owned, state WMAs, Kisatchie National Forest, and the Bayou des Ourses, Bodcau, Bonnet Carre, and Indian Bayou tracts owned by the Corps of Engineers, but does not apply to state wildlife refuges, or other federally owned refuges and lands. On state WMAs and Kisatchie National Forest, the take of bobcat is restricted to those open seasons on the WMAs which require the respective legal weapons noted above.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. No person born on or after September 1, 1969, shall hunt unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department, except any active or veteran member of the United States armed services or any POST-certified law enforcement officer. Application for the exemption shall be filed in person at the LDWF main office building in the city of Baton Rouge. A person under sixteen years of age may hunt without such certificate if he/she is accompanied by and is under the direct supervision of a person who was born before September 1, 1969, and has a valid hunting license or who is eighteen years of age or older and has proof of successful completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer. A separate wild turkey license is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

5. Methods of Taking Resident Game Birds and Quadrupeds

a. It is illegal to intentionally feed, deposit, place, distribute, expose, scatter, or cause to be fed, deposited, placed, distributed, exposed, or scattered raw sweet potatoes to wild game quadrupeds.

b. Use of a traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than .22 caliber, any centerfire firearm, or a muzzleloading firearm larger than .36 caliber. It shall be legal to hunt or take squirrels, rabbits, and outlaw quadrupeds with air rifles.

c. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

d. No person shall take or kill any game bird or wild quadruped with a firearm fitted with an infrared sight, laser sight, or except as provided in R.S. 56:116(A)(8) any sighting device which projects a beam of light to the target or otherwise electronically illuminates the target, or device specifically designed to enhance vision at night [R.S. 56:116.1.B(3)].

6. Nuisance Animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means except that nutria cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. With a special permit issued by the LDWF, beavers may be taken between one-half hour after official sunset to one-half hour before official sunrise for a period of three consecutive calendar evenings from the effective date of the permit. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrels found destroying commercial crops of pecans may be taken year-round by permit issued by the LDWF. This permit shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Contact the local region office for details.
7. Threatened and endangered species: Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Atwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.
8. Outlaw Quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, feral hogs, and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to chase only when using dogs during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only seasons for deer. Foxes are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only with traps by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" allowed by licensed hunters.
9. Nighttime Take of Nuisance Animals and Outlaw Quadrupeds. On private property, the landowner, or his lessee or agent with written permission and the landowner's contact information in his possession, may take outlaw quadrupeds (coyotes, armadillos and feral hogs), nutria, or beaver during the nighttime hours from one-half hour after official sunset on the last day of February to one-half hour after official sunset the last day of August of that same year. Such taking may be with or without the aid of artificial light, infrared or laser sighting devices, or night vision devices. In addition, pursuant to R.S. 56:116(D)(3) any person who is authorized to possess a firearm suppressor may use a firearm fitted with a sound suppressor when taking outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver. Any person attempting to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provisions of the paragraph, within 24 hours prior to the attempted taking, shall notify the sheriff of the parish in which the property is located and the LDWF Enforcement Division by calling 1-800-442-2511 of their intention to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provision of this Paragraph.
10. Hunting and/or Discharging Firearms on Public Roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds while on a public road or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and public road rights-of-way is prohibited
11. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with approved archery and primitive firearms, and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

12. Sex Identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head or sex organs, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the state of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. Prior to hunting deer, all deer hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain deer tags and have in possession when hunting deer. Immediately upon harvesting a deer, the hunter must tag the deer with the appropriate carcass tag and document the kill on the deer tag license. Within seven days the hunter must validate the kill. Hunters harvesting deer on DMAP lands can validate deer per instructions by LDWF using the DMAP harvest data sheets. Hunters on WMAS can validate deer during mandatory deer check hunts, when deer check stations are in operation. Hunters may validate deer by calling the validation toll free number or using the validation website.

2. 2015-2016 Season. One antlered and one antlerless deer per day (when legal) except on Kisatchie National Forest-, Indian Bayou Area owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers, and some federal refuges (check refuge regulations) where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Season limit is six, not to exceed three antlered deer or four antlerless deer (all segments included) by all methods of take, except antlerless harvest on property enrolled in DMAP does not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters. Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all seasons included) except as specified in deer hunting schedule. Consult deer hunting schedule in the regulations pamphlet for either-sex days for these parishes and areas. This does not apply to public lands (WMAs, national forest lands, and federal refuges) which will have specified either-sex days.

3. 2016-2017 Season. One antlered and one antlerless deer per day (when legal) except on Kisatchie National Forest, Indian Bayou area owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers, and some federal refuges (check refuge regulations) where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Season limit is six, not to exceed three antlered deer or four antlerless deer (all segments included) by all methods of take, except antlerless harvest on property enrolled in DMAP does not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters. Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all seasons included) except as specified in deer hunting schedule. Consult deer hunting schedule in the regulations pamphlet for either-sex days for these parishes and areas. This does not apply to public lands (WMAs, national forest lands, and federal refuges) which will have specified either-sex days.

4. A legal antlered deer is a deer with at least one visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin, except on Alexander State Forest WMA, Bayou Macon WMA, Big Lake WMA, Bodcau WMA, Boeuf WMA, Buckhorn WMA, Dewey Wills WMA, Jackson-Bienville WMA, Loggy Bayou WMA, Ouachita WMA, Pearl River WMA, Pomme de Terre WMA, Red River WMA, Russell Sage WMA, Sicily Island Hills WMA, Spring Bayou WMA, Three Rivers WMA and Union WMA during the experimental quality deer season (See the specific WMA schedule for more information.). A legal antlered deer during the experimental quality deer season shall be defined as a deer with at least four points on one side. To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point. Killing antlerless deer is prohibited except where specifically allowed.

5. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

6. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

7. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

8. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. A leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address, and phone number. In addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

9. It is illegal to take deer while deer are swimming or while the hunter is in a boat with motor attached in operating position; however the restriction in this paragraph shall not apply to any person who has lost one or more limbs.

10. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

11. Primitive Firearms Season: still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Primitive firearms license is required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas except as otherwise specified. It is unlawful to carry a gun, other than a primitive firearm, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special primitive firearms segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Firearms for Primitive Firearms Season

i. Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball, shot, or bullet projectile only, including sabotated bullets, and may be fitted with magnified scopes.

ii. Single shot, breech loading rifles or pistols, .35 caliber or larger, having an exposed hammer, that use metallic cartridges loaded either with black powder or modern smokeless powder, and may be fitted with magnified scopes.

iii. Single shot, breech loading shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, having an exposed hammer, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug.

iv. Youths 17 or younger may hunt deer with any legal weapon during the primitive firearms season in each deer hunting area.

12. Archery Season. Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting except when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, and except in areas 6 and 9 from October 1-15. Archers must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season except when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Lake Boeuf, and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs (see schedule).

a. Bow and Arrow Regulations. Traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means will be a legal means of take for all properly licensed hunters. Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened broadhead points. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and may not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

- (a) to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season except it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only;
- (b) to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow or arrows with explosive tips;
- (c) to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds;
- (d) to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared, laser sight, electrically-operated sight or device specifically designed to enhance vision at night (does not include non-projecting red dot sights) [R.S. 56:116.1.B.(4)].

13. Hunter Orange. Any person hunting any wildlife during the open gun deer hunting season and possessing buckshot, slugs, a primitive firearm, or a centerfire rifle shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "hunter orange". Persons hunting on privately owned land may wear a hunter orange cap or hat in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned or to archery deer hunters hunting on lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. However, anyone hunting deer on such lands where hunting with firearms is allowed shall be required to display the 400 square inches or a hunter orange cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. While a person is hunting from an elevated stand, the 400 square inches or cap or hat may be concealed. Warning: deer hunters are cautioned to watch for persons hunting other game or engaged in activities not requiring "hunter orange".

14. Physically Challenged Season on Private Lands (Either-Sex): 1st Saturday of October for 2 days. Restricted to individuals with physically challenged hunter permit.

15. Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans Season on Private Lands (Either-Sex). Areas 1, 4, 5, 6 and 9: last Saturday of October for seven days; Area 2: 2nd Saturday of October for seven days; and Areas 3, 7, 8 and 10: 4th Saturday of September for seven days. Youths 17 or younger only. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. Except properly licensed youths 16-17 years old and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. One of the following must be carried by veterans while hunting:

- a. Louisiana OMV issued U.S. Veterans Driver's License; or
- b. U.S. Department of Defense Form 214 or one of the following DD_214 equivalents:
 - i. Pre DD 214 era documents (1941_1950):
 - (a). WE AGO (war department adjutant general) Forms, to include WD AGO 53, WD AGO 55, WD AGO 53_55; (b) JAVPERS (naval personnel) discharge documents, to include NAVPERS 553, NAVMC78PD, NAVCG 553.
 - ii. National Personnel Records Center NPRC "statement of service," issued as a result of a destroyed discharge record during the 1973 National Archives fire.
 - iii. National Guard/Air National Guard must have NGB_22 with 6 or more years of service.

F. Description of Areas, 2015-2017

- 1. Area 1
 - a. All of the following parishes are open: Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland, Tensas.

- b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:
 - i. Catahoula—east of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, east of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to LA 8, south and east of LA 8 southwesterly to parish line;
 - ii. Grant—east of US 165 and south of LA 8;
 - iii. LaSalle—south of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to US 84, east of US 84 northward to LA 8, south of LA 8 eastward to parish line;
 - iv. Ouachita—south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake;
 - v. Rapides—east of US 165 and north of Red River.
- c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:
 - i. Catahoula—south of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, west of LA 8 to LA 913, west of LA 913 and LA 15 to Deer Creek;
 - ii. East Carroll—all;
 - iii. Franklin—all;
 - iv. Morehouse—east of US 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, south and east of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, east of LA 139 at Bastrop to junction of LA 593, east and north of LA 593 to Collinston, east of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and south of LA 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake;
 - v. Ouachita—south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake.
 - vi. Richland—all.
- 2. Area 2
 - a. All of the following parishes are open:
 - i. Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Union, Webster, Winn;
 - ii. except: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as area 2, except still hunting only for deer.
 - b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:
 - i. Allen—north of US 190 from parish line westward to Kinder, east of US 165 from Kinder northward to LA 10 at Oakdale, north of LA 10 from Oakdale westward to the parish line;
 - ii. Avoyelles—that portion west of I-49;
 - iii. Catahoula—west of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, west of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to LA 8, north and west of LA 8 southwesterly to parish line;
 - iv. Evangeline—all except the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte;
 - v. Grant—all except that portion south of LA 8 and east of US 165;
 - vi. Jefferson Davis—north of US 190;
 - vii. LaSalle—north of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake, following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to US 84, west of US 84 northward to LA 8, north of LA 8 eastward to parish line;
 - viii. Morehouse—west of US 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, west of LA 139 to junction of LA 593, west and south of LA 593 to Collinston, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and north of LA 134 to Ouachita Parish line at Wham Brake;

ix. Ouachita—all except south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse Parish line at Wham Brake;

x. Rapides—all except north of Red River and east of US 165, south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill, and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;

xi. Vernon—north of LA 10 from the parish line westward to LA 113, south of LA 113 eastward to parish line. Also the portion north of LA 465 west of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville and north of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster—Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest (see Kisatchie National Forest regulations);

ii. Ouachita—east of Ouachita River;

iii. Rapides—west of US 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, west of I-49 southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to US 165, east of US 165 northward to US 167 at Alexandria. North of LA 465 from Vernon Parish line to LA 121, west of LA 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to LA 8, south and east of LA 8 to LA 118 (Mora Road), south and west of LA 118 to Natchitoches Parish line;

iv. Vernon—east of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to LA 465, east and north of LA 465 to Rapides Parish line.

3. Area 3

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Acadia—north of I-10;

ii. Allen—south of US 190 and west of LA 113;

iii. Beauregard—west of LA 113 and east of LA 27 from the parish line northward to DeRidder and north of US 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Calcasieu—east of LA 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line, and north of I-10;

v. Jefferson Davis—north of I-10 and south of US 190;

vi. Lafayette—west of I-49 and north of I-10;

vii. Rapides—south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line;

viii. St. Landry—west of US 167;

ix. Vernon—west and north of LA 113, south of LA 465, east of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

4. Area 4

a. All of St. Helena and Washington Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. East Baton Rouge—all except that portion north of I-110 and west of US 61;

ii. East Feliciana—east of US 61;

iii. West Feliciana—east of US 61;

iv. Livingston—north of I-12;

v. Tangipahoa—north of I-12;

vi. St. Tammany—all except that portion south of I-12, west of LA 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

- c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:
 - i. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge—east of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi state line to LA 10, north of LA 10 from Thompson Creek to LA 67 at Clinton, west of LA 67 from Clinton to Mississippi state line, south of Mississippi state line from LA 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of LA 67 from LA 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from LA 64 eastward to Amite River, west of Amite River southward to LA 64, north of LA 64 to LA 37 at Magnolia, east of LA 37 northward to LA 64 at Indian Mound, north of LA 64 from Indian Mound to LA 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of LA 67 from parish line north to LA 959, south of LA 959 east to LA 63, west of LA 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to LA 67;
 - ii. St. Helena—north of LA 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to LA 449, east and south of LA 449 from LA 16 at Pine Grove northward to Rohner Road, south of Rohner Road to LA 1045, south of LA 1045 to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from LA 1045 southward to LA 16 at Montpelier;
 - iii. Tangipahoa—that portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of LA 10 from the Tchefuncte River to LA 1061 at Wilmer, east of LA 1061 to LA 440 at Bolivar, south of LA 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from LA 440 southward to LA 10;
 - iv. Washington and St. Tammany—east of LA 21 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from LA 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to LA 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of LA 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany Parish line to the Tangipahoa Parish line, east of the Tangipahoa Parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with LA 25;
 - v. West Feliciana—west of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of US 61 and LA 966, east of LA 966 from US 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.
- 5. Area 5
 - a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.
- 6. Area 6
 - a. All of Point Coupee Parish is open.
 - b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:
 - i. Avoyelles—all except that portion west of I-49;
 - ii. Evangeline—that portion east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte;
 - iii. Iberville—all north of I-10, and that portion south of I-10 at the Atchafalaya Basin protection levee south to Upper Grand River, then north of Upper Grand River to the Intracoastal Canal at Jack Miller, then west of the Intracoastal Canal northward to Bayou Plaquemine, then north of Bayou Plaquemine to the Mississippi River.
 - iv. Lafayette—north of I-10 and east of I-49;
 - v. Rapides—south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;
 - vi. St. Landry—east of US 167;

- vii. St. Martin—north of I-10;
 - viii. East Baton Rouge—north of I-110 and west of US 61;
 - ix. West Feliciana—west of US 61;
 - x. East Feliciana—west of US 61;
 - xi. West Baton Rouge—north I-10.
- c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:
- i. Avoyelles—north of LA 1 from Simmesport westward to LA 115 at Marksville, east of LA 115 from Marksville northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to LA 1 at Simmesport;
 - ii. Rapides—south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;
 - iii. West Feliciana—west of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of US 61 and LA 966, east of LA 966 from US 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.
7. Area 7
- a. Portions of the following parishes are open:
- i. Iberia—south of LA 14 and west of US 90.
 - ii. St. Mary—all except that portion north of US 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to the Atchafalaya River, east of the Atchafalaya River.
8. Area 8
- a. Portions of the following parishes are open:
- i. Allen—that portion east of LA 113 from the parish line to US 190, north of US 190 eastward to Kinder, west of US 165 northward to LA 10 at Oakdale and south of LA 10 from Oakdale westward to parish line;
 - ii. Beauregard—that portion east of LA 113. Also that portion west of LA 27 from parish line northward to DeRidder, south of US 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;
 - iii. Calcasieu—that portion west of LA 27 from the parish line southward to Sulphur and north of I-10 from Sulphur to the Texas state line;
 - iv. Vernon—that portion west of LA 113 from the parish line northward to Pitkin and south of LA 10 from Pitkin southward to the parish line.
9. Area 9
- a. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, Terrebonne.
- b. Portions of the following parishes are open:
- i. Iberia—east of US 90;
 - ii. Iberville—south of I-10, and west of the Atchafalaya Basin Protection levee, to Upper Grand River, then South of Upper Grand River to the Intracoastal Canal at Jack Miller, then east of the Intracoastal Canal to Bayou Plaquemines, then south of Bayou Plaquemines to the Mississippi River;
 - iii. Lafayette—south of I-10 and east of US 90;
 - iv. Livingston—south of I-12;
 - v. St. Martin—south of I-10;
 - vi. St. Mary—north of US 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to the Atchafalaya River, east of the Atchafalaya River;

vii. St. Tammany—that portion south of I-12, west of LA 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain;

viii. Tangipahoa—south of I-12;

ix. high water benchmark closure. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberia, Iberville, St. Martin, and St. Mary parishes south of I-10, west of the East Guide Levee, east of the West Guide Levee, and north of US 90 will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 18 feet at Butte LaRose.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Iberville—east of the Mississippi River;

ii. Plaquemines—east of the Mississippi River;

iii. St. Bernard—all of the parish shall be still hunting only except that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre;

iv. St. John—south of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to US 51, east of US 51 from Pass Manchac to LA 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of LA 638 from US 51 to Lake Pontchartrain, west of Lake Pontchartrain from LA 638 to Pass Manchac.

10. Area 10

a. All of Cameron and Vermillion Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Acadia—south of I-10;

ii. Calcasieu—south of I-10;

iii. Iberia—west of US 90 and north of LA 14;

iv. Jefferson Davis—south of I-10;

v. Lafayette—south of I-10 and west of Hwy 90.

G. WMA Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in *Louisiana Revised Statutes* of 1950, section 109 of title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. WMA seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the LDWF secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 4 a.m. unless otherwise specified. Hunters must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, or as otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt according to the regular season dates and hunting regulations applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF region office for additional information.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs is prohibited. Garbage and trash may be properly disposed of in designated locations if provided.

- g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.
- h. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (including but not limited to acorns and pecans), wild plants, non-game wildlife (including reptiles and amphibians) or any species of butterflies, skippers or moths is prohibited without a permit from the LDWF. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits, mushrooms and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day.
- i. Burning of marshes is prohibited. Hunting actively burning marsh is prohibited.
- j. Nature Trails. Trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.
- k. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.
- l. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations may include both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.
- m. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, except that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and state seed grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.
- n. Free ranging livestock prohibited.

2. Permits

- a. A WMA hunting permit is required for persons ages 18 through 59 to hunt on WMAs.
- b. Self-Clearing Permits. A self-clearing permit is required for all activities (hunting, fishing, hiking, bird watching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs unless otherwise specified. The self-clearing permit will consist of two portions: check in, check out. On WMAs where self-clearing permits are required, all persons must obtain a WMA self-clearing permit from an information station. The check in portion must be completed and put in a permit box before each day's activity on the day of the activity (except if hunting from a private camp adjacent to the WMA being hunted or if camping on the WMA, users need only to check in once during any 72 hour period). Users may check-in one day in advance of use. The check-out portion must be carried by each person while on the WMA and must be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA or within 72 hours after checking in if hunting from a private camp adjacent to the WMA being hunted or if camping on the WMA. No permit is required of fishers and boaters who do not travel on a WMA road and/or launch on the WMA as long as they do not get out of the boat and onto the WMA. When mandatory deer checks are specified on WMAs, hunters must check deer at a check station. (Self-clearing permits are not required for persons only traveling through the WMA provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.)
- c. Persons using WMAs or other LDWF administered lands for any purpose must possess one of the following: a valid wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement. Also a self-clearing WMA permit, detailed above, may be required (available at most entrances to each WMA). Check individual WMA listings for exceptions.

3. Special Seasons

- a. Youth Deer Hunt. Youths 17 or younger only. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult.

Contact the appropriate region office for maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts.

NOTE: Some hunts may be by pre-application lottery.

b. Youth Squirrel Hunt (on selected WMAs only). Only youths 17 or younger may hunt. Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, hogs and opossum may be taken. No dogs allowed. All other seasons will remain open to other hunters. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. Self-clearing permits are required. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth squirrel hunts.

c. Youth Mourning Dove Hunt. A youth mourning dove hunt will be conducted on specific WMAs and will follow the same regulations provided for youth deer hunts on the first or second weekend of the mourning dove season (Saturday and/or Sunday only). Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth mourning dove hunts.

d. Physically Challenged Season. An either-sex deer season will be held for hunters possessing a physically challenged hunter permit on WMAs during the dates specified under the individual WMA. Participants must possess a physically challenged hunter permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering physically challenged seasons.

e. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at self-clearing station. Contact region offices for more details. Consult separate turkey hunting regulations pamphlet for more details.

f. Waterfowl Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadline. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division Office for more details.

g. Mourning Dove Lottery Hunts. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division office for more details.

h. Trapping. Consult annual trapping regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress.

i. Raccoon Hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs.

Nighttime Experimental—all nighttime raccoon hunting where allowed is with dogs only. There is no bag limit. Self-clearing permit required.

j. Sport Fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are allowed on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations except as otherwise specified under individual WMA listings.

k. Small Game Emphasis Areas. Specially designated areas on certain WMAs will allow small game hunting with dogs, confined to that specific area when the remainder of the WMA is restricted to still hunt only. Additionally, off season training of rabbit and bird dogs may be allowed on some of the small game emphasis areas. Small game emphasis areas are offered on Big Colewa Bayou, Bayou Macon, Bayou Pierre, Boeuf, Dewey W. Wills, Marsh Bayou, Ouachita, Richard K. Yancey, Sandy Hollow, Sherburne, and Walnut Hill WMAs.

4. Firearms

- a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms and crossbows cocked in the ready position are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, UTVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas and except as may be permitted for authorized trappers.
- b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons except on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping and except as allowed pursuant to R.S. 56:109(C) and R.S. 56:1691. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs except during deer archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing. Active and retired law enforcement officers in compliance with POST requirements, federal law enforcement officers and holders of Louisiana concealed handgun permits or permit holders from a reciprocal state who are in compliance with all other state and federal firearms regulations may possess firearms on WMAs provided these firearms are not used for any hunting purpose.
- c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists except as specified under WMA listing.
- d. Loaded firearms are not allowed near WMA check stations.
- e. Centerfire rifles and handguns larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA except during modern and primitive firearm deer seasons and during special shotgun season for feral hogs on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador WMAs (consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMA regulations).
- f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs except as otherwise specified.
- g. Discharging of firearms on or across, or hunting from designated roads, ATV/UTV trails, nature trails, hiking trails, and their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearms and primitive firearms deer seasons.

5. Methods of Taking Game

- a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drives and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.
- b. On WMAs the daily limit shall be one antlered deer and one antlerless deer (when legal) per day, not to exceed three antlered deer or four antlerless deer per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.
- c. Baiting, hunting over bait, or possession of bait is prohibited on all WMAs, EXCEPT bait may be kept in a vehicle traversing a WMA road or parked on a WMA road. Bait is defined as any substance used to attract game via ingestion.
- d. During mandatory deer check hunts, deer may not be skinned nor have any external body parts removed including but not limited to feet, legs, tail, head or ears before being checked out.
- e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only.
- f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. Natural vegetation (including any material used as corner posts) is defined as natural branches that are 2

inches or less in diameter. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily. Permanent tree stands are any stands that use nails, screws, spikes, etc., to attach to trees and are strictly prohibited. Deer stands may not be left on WMAs unless the stands are removed from trees, placed flat on the ground, and left in a non-hunting position (a non-hunting position is one in which a hunter could not hunt from the stand in its present position). Also, all stands left must be legibly tagged with the user's name, address, phone number and LDWF i.d. number. No stand may be left on any WMA prior to the day before deer season opens on that WMA and all stands must be removed from the WMA within one day after the close of deer hunting on that WMA. Free standing blinds must be disassembled when not in use. Stands left will not reserve hunting sites for the owner or user. All portable stands, blinds, tripods, etc., found unattended in a hunting position, not placed flat on the ground, or untagged will be confiscated and disposed of by the LDWF. LDWF is not responsible for unattended stands left on an area.

g. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer and Waterfowl Hunting Areas: special deer and waterfowl hunting areas, blinds and stands identified with LDWF logos, have been established for physically challenged hunter permit (PCHP) wheelchair confined hunters on WMAs. Hunters must obtain a PCHP permit and are required to make reservations to use blinds and stands. PCHP wheelchair hunting areas are available on Alexander State Forest, Big Colewa Bayou, Buckhorn, Clear Creek, Elbow Slough, Floy McElroy, Jackson-Bienville, Ouachita, Sandy Hollow, and Sherburne WMAs. Check WMA hunting schedules or call the LDWF field offices in Pineville, Lake Charles, Opelousas, Minden, Monroe or Hammond for information.

h. Hunting from utility poles and structures, and oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the LDWF and disposed of by the LDWF. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

l. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.

m. Horses and mules may be ridden on WMAs except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated roads and trails depicted on WMA map, self-clearing permit is required. Organized trail rides prohibited except allowed by permit only on Camp Beauregard. Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited except for quail hunting or as otherwise specified. Horse-drawn conveyances are prohibited.

n. All hunters (including archers and small game hunters) except waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" and wear a "hunter orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters and hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit, squirrel and feral hogs are required to wear a minimum of a "hunter orange" cap. All other hunters and archers (while on the ground) except waterfowl hunters also must wear a minimum of a "hunter orange" cap during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel and feral hogs. Also all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "hunter orange". Hunters participating in special shotgun season for feral hogs on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador WMAs must display 400 square inches of hunter orange and wear a "hunter orange" cap.

o. Deer hunters hunting from concealed ground blinds must display a minimum of 400 square inches of "hunter orange" above or around their blinds which is visible from 360 degrees.

p. Archery Season for Deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open for either-sex deer except as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on

Atchafalaya Delta and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or physically challenged hunts are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

q. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season except when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

r. Primitive Firearms Season for Deer. Either-sex unless otherwise specified. See WMA deer schedule. Except youths 17 or younger may use any legal weapon during the primitive firearm season.

6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed 16 consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs except on stream banks adjacent to LDWF-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA houseboats may be moored by permit only in designated areas during hunting season. Permits are available by lottery annually or by three year lease through a bid program.

c. Discharge of human waste onto lands or waters of any WMA is strictly prohibited by state and federal law. In the event public restroom facilities are not available at a WMA, the following is required. Anyone camping on a WMA in a camper, trailer, or other unit (other than a houseboat or tent) shall have and shall utilize an operational disposal system attached to the unit. Tent campers shall have and shall utilize portable waste disposal units and shall remove all human waste from the WMA upon leaving. Houseboats moored on a WMA shall have a permit or letter of certification from the Health Unit (Department of Health and Hospitals) of the parish within which the WMA occurs verifying that it has an approved sewerage disposal system on board. Further, that system shall be utilized by occupants of the houseboats when on the WMA.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area unless otherwise specified.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Trash must be contained at all times while camping.

h. Burning of trash is prohibited.

i. Glass containers prohibited on campgrounds.

j. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

k. Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

7. Restricted Areas

a. For your safety, all oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or unauthorized hunting in restricted areas, refuges, or limited use areas unless otherwise specified.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, except for bird hunting and duck hunting, is experimental as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited except for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting, hog hunting and bird dog training when allowed; see individual WMA season listings for WMAs that allow dogs. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable. Only recognizable

breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons. A leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address and phone number. In addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

9. Vehicles

a. An all-terrain vehicle is an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-750 pounds, length-85", and width-48". ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 26 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 12 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer. Use of all other ATVs or ATV tires are prohibited on a WMA.

b. *Utility type vehicle (UTV, also utility terrain vehicle)* is defined as any recreational motor vehicle other than an ATV, not legal for highway use, designed for and capable of travel over designated unpaved roads, traveling on four or more low-pressure tires, with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-1900 pounds, length-128" and width-68". UTV tires are restricted to those no larger than 26 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 12 psi. UTV's are commonly referred to as side by sides and may include golf carts.

c. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination radius of 17 inches or more measured from the center of the hub and horizontal to ground are prohibited.

d. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within WMAs due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

e. Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles.

f. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft, "mud crawling vessels" (commonly referred to as crawfish combines which use paddle wheels for locomotion) and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexander State Forest WMA. Except, type A personal water craft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are eight feet in length and greater, may be operated in the areas of Catahoula Lake, Manchac WMA, Maurepas Swamp WMA, Pearl River WMA and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day weekend, from sunrise to sunset only. No person shall operate such water craft at a speed greater than slow/no wake within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, shoreline, dock, pier, persons engaged in angling or any other manually powered vessel.

g. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

h. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

i. Licensed motorized vehicles (LMVs) legal for highway use, including motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads as indicated on WMA maps. UTVs are restricted to marked UTV trails only, EXCEPT that those UTVs in which the manufacturer's specifications do not exceed the weight, length, width, and tire restrictions for ATVs are allowed on ATV trails. ATVs are restricted to marked ATV trails only when WMA roads are closed to LMVs, ATVs and UTVs may then use those roads when allowed. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

NOTE: Only ATV and UTV trails marked with signs and/or paint, and depicted on WMA maps are open for use.

j. Use of special ATV trails for physically challenged persons is restricted to ATV physically challenged permittees. Physically challenged ATV permittees are restricted to physically challenged ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps or as marked by sign and/or paint. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special physically challenged trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Physically challenged persons under the age of 60 must apply for and obtain a physically challenged hunter program permit from the LDWF.

k. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to physically challenged-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Entrances to ATV trails that are open all year long will be marked with purple paint. The end of all ATV trails will be marked by red paint. WMA maps serve only as a general guide to the route of most ATV trails, therefore all signage and paint marking as previously described will be used to determine compliance. Deviation from this will constitute a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

l. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition, construction or wet weather.

m. ATVs, and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs except on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 4 a.m., except raccoon hunters may use ATVs during nighttime raccoon take seasons only. ATVs are prohibited from March 1 through August 31 except squirrel hunters are allowed to use ATV trails during the spring squirrel season on the WMA and except certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes and some ATV trails will be open all year long on certain WMAs.

n. Caution. Many LDWF-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads, unless specific signage otherwise allows or restricts.

o. Hunters are allowed to retrieve their own downed deer and hogs with the aid of an ATV except on Thistlethwaite, Sherburne, Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Salvador, Timken, Lake Bouef, and Biloxi WMAs under the following conditions:

- i. no firearms or archery equipment is in possession of the retrieval party or on the ATV;
- ii. the retrieval party may consist of no more than one ATV and one helper;
- iii. ATVs may not be used to locate or search for wounded game or for any other purpose than retrieval of deer and hogs once they have been legally harvested and located;
- iv. UTV's may not be used to retrieve downed deer or hogs.

10. Commercial Activities

a. Hunting Guides/Outfitters. No person or group may act as a hunting guide, outfitter or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid directly or indirectly by any other individual or individuals for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on any WMA, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging or club memberships.

b. Except for licensed activities otherwise allowed by law, commercial activities are prohibited without a permit issued by the secretary of the LDWF.

c. Commercial Fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Gill nets or trammel nets and the take or possession of grass carp are prohibited on Spring Bayou WMA. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited except experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of LA 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Richard K. Yancey WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita

and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs except commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

11. WMAs Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

12. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, mourning dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons on certain WMAs (see WMA schedule) and except non-toxic shot must be used for rail, snipe, and gallinule. Consult regulations pamphlet. Unless otherwise specified under a specific WMA hunting schedule, the use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited. Spring squirrel season with or without dogs: 1st Saturday of May for 9 days. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMAs.

13. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet. Hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited on all WMAs except for Atchafalaya Delta, Attakapas, Biloxi, Lake Boeuf, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, and Salvador/Timken WMAs. Consult specific WMA regulations for shooting hours on these WMAs.

14. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Hogs. Feral hogs may be taken during any open hunting season on WMAs by properly licensed and/or permitted hunters using only guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress, except take of hogs is prohibited during nighttime raccoon seasons. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs, except feral hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during the month of February on Attakapas, Bodcau, Boeuf, Clear Creek, Dewey Wills, Jackson-Bienville, Little River, Pass a Loutre, Pearl River, Richard K. Yancey, Sabine, Sabine Island, and West Bay WMAs by self-clearing permit. All hogs must be killed immediately and may not be transported live under any conditions, except as allowed by permit from either the Minden, Lake Charles, Monroe, Pineville, Hammond or Opelousas offices. During the February dog season hunters may use centerfire pistols in addition to using guns allowed for season in progress. Additionally, feral hogs may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador WMAs from February 16 through March 31 with shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber. Additional requirements may be specified under individual WMAs, see regulation pamphlet.

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet. During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, except the turkey and spring squirrel seasons, take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds, with or without the use of electronic calls, is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA. However, crows, blackbirds, grackles and cowbirds may not be taken before September 1 or after January 1. As described in 50 CFR Part 21, non-toxic shot must be used for the take of crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles under the special depredation order. In addition an annual report has to be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for those that participate in the take of these species.

17. WMAs Hunting Schedule and Regulations

a. Alexander State Forest. From December through February all hunters must check daily with the Office of Forestry for scheduled burning activity. No hunting or other activity will be permitted in burn units the day of the burning. Call (318) 487-5172 or (318) 487-5058 for information on burning schedules. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires except in recreation areas.

- b. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of LDWF. All-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited except as permitted for authorized WMA trappers. Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion engines powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations.
- c. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.
- d. Big Colewa Bayou. All nighttime activities prohibited.
- e. Big Lake. Use of nets, yoyos, and trotlines prohibited on Big and Chain Lakes.
- f. Biloxi. ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited. Mud boats or air-cooled propulsion vessels can only be powered by straight shaft "long tail" air-cooled mud motors that are 16 total horsepower or less on the WMA. All other types of mud boats or air cooled propulsion vessels (including "surface drive" boats) are prohibited. All ATVs, UTVs, and motorcycles are prohibited.
- g. Bodcau-towable watersports not allowed in Ivan Lake. Nets and traps prohibited on Ivan Lake.
- h. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the LDWF field office for specific details.
- i. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.
- j. Elbow Slough. Non-toxic shot (minimum size #6) only for all hunting. All motorized vehicles prohibited.
- k. Elm Hall. No ATVs or UTVs allowed.
- l. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. New special regulations apply to ATV users.
- m. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted except on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas Field Office. No crawfishing traps or nets may be left overnight. No hunting in restricted area.
- n. Joyce. Swamp walk: no loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.
- o. Lake Boeuf. Hunting allowed until 12 noon on all game, except deer may be hunted until one-half hour after sunset. All nighttime activities prohibited. All-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited.
- p. Lake Ramsay. Foot traffic only—all vehicles restricted to parish roads.
- q. Manchac. Crabs: no crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.
- r. Maurepas Swamp. No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of nature trail. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.
- s. Ouachita. Waterfowl refuge: north of LA 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping and ATV/UTV use during duck season including early teal season, except hunting allowed during waterfowl falconry season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.
- t. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial fishing: same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the LDWF Pass-a-Loutre WMA map. All ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited on this area. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion engines powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations.

u. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting except waterfowl will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet. No hunting in the vicinity of nature trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open Friday, Saturday and Sunday with a fee. Type A personal water craft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are eight feet in length and greater, may be operated in the areas of Pearl River wildlife management area, south of U.S. 90 from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day weekend, from sunrise to sunset only. No person shall operate such water craft at a speed greater than slow/no wake within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, shoreline, dock, pier, persons engaged in angling or any other manually powered vessel. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.

v. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

w. Pointe-aux-Chenes. Hunting until 12 noon on all game, except for mourning dove hunting and youth lottery deer hunt as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: gate will be open all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational fishing: shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. All castnet contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 pounds per person per day. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. All boats powered by engines having total horsepower above 25 h.p. are not allowed in the Grand Bayou, Montegut and Pointe-aux-Chenes water management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue, Grand Bayou Blue, St. Louis Canal and Bayou Pointe-aux-Chenes unless authorized by the LDWF. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited unless authorized by the LDWF. Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations. All ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited.

x. Pomme de Terre. Commercial fishing: permitted Monday through Friday, except closed during duck season. Commercial fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas field office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport fishing: same as outside except allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: March 15 - July 31, recreational only, 100 lbs. per person per day. No crawfishing traps or nets may be left overnight.

y. Richard K. Yancey. Recreational Crawfishing: west of the Mississippi River Levee March 15-July 31. 100 pounds per person per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed.

z. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. On Wham Brake, all nighttime activity prohibited during open waterfowl seasons. Internal combustion engines and craft limited to 10 h.p. rating or less in the Greentree Reservoirs.

NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, except still hunt only and except deer hunting restricted to archery only. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

aa. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

bb. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for waterfowl. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. All castnet contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 pounds per person per day. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Use of mudboats powered by internal combustion engines with more than four cylinders is prohibited. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations.

cc. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird dog field trials: permit required from Hammond field office. Horseback riding: self-clearing permit required. Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails depicted on WMA map. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer except as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. Horse-drawn conveyances are prohibited.

dd. Sherburne. Crawfishing: recreational crawfishing only. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per person per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complexes. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Opelousas field office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and pistol ranges open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne WMA will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

ee. Soda Lake. No motorized vehicles allowed. Bicycles allowed. All trapping and hunting prohibited except archery hunting for deer and falconry. Closed to fishing west of Twelve Mile Bayou from Oct. 1-March 31.

ff. Spring Bayou. Commercial fishing: permitted Monday through Friday except slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day and except gill or trammel nets or the take or possession of grass carp are prohibited. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas field office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport fishing: same as outside except allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: recreational only, limit 100 pounds per person per day. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite. Water skiing allowed only in Old River and Grand Lac.

gg. Sicily Island Hills. Fishing restricted to rod and reel, and pole fishing only. All other gear prohibited.

hh. Tangipahoa Parish School Board. No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs/UTVs are not allowed except as otherwise specified.

- ii. Thistlethwaite. All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only.
- jj. Tunica Hills. Camping limited to tents only in designated area.
- kk. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:1279 (July 1999), amended LR 26:1494 (July 2000), LR 27:1049 (July 2001), LR 28:1603 (July 2002), LR 29:1124 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1522 (August 2003), amended LR 30:1495 (July 2004), LR 31:1611 (July 2005), LR 32:1251 (July 2006), LR 33:1382 (July 2007), LR 34:1429 (July 2008), LR 35:1264 (July 2009), LR 36:1566 (July 2010), LR 37:2190 (July 2011), LR 38:1732 (July 2012), LR 40:1540 (August 2014).

§113. General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations

A. General Regulations. Only gobblers (male turkeys) may be taken. Taking of hen (female) turkeys, including bearded hens, is prohibited; still hunting only. Use of dogs, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and approved archery equipment but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited. The running of coyote with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closures. No person hunting turkeys more than 200 yards from a baited area will be in violation of the turkey baiting regulation.

B. Tags

1. Prior to hunting turkeys, all turkey hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain turkey tags and have them in their possession while turkey hunting. Immediately upon killing a turkey, hunters must attach a carcass tag to the turkey before it is moved from the site of the kill and must document the kill on the turkey harvest report card. The date of kill and parish of kill must be recorded on the carcass tag. The tag must remain attached to the turkey while kept at camp or while it is transported to the domicile of the hunter or to a cold storage facility. Hunters who keep the carcass or meat at a camp must also comply with game possession tag regulations. Within seven days of the kill, the hunter must report the kill. Hunters may report turkeys by calling the validation phone number or using the validation website.

2. Turkey hunters purchasing licenses by phone or internet will be given an authorization number and a LDWF identification number that will serve as their license and tags until the physical license and tags arrive by mail. Turkey hunters who have purchased a license with tags, but have not yet received their physical license and tags, must immediately tag their kill with a possession tag before moving it from the site of the kill. The authorization number and LDWF identification number must be recorded on the possession tag. Hunters must retain documentation of any turkeys killed and upon receiving their physical tags and harvest report card, validate their kill as required in these regulations. The tags for turkeys killed prior to receiving the physical tags must be removed from the turkey harvest report card and discarded.

3. Tags removed from the turkey harvest report card prior to killing a turkey are no longer valid and if lost will not be replaced. Duplicate tags and turkey harvest report cards are available to replace lost report cards and attached tags. Hunters will be charged a fee for duplicate turkey harvest report cards and tags. Hunters that have killed a turkey prior to losing their remaining tag and harvest report card must remove and discard the duplicate tag to account for the original tag that was used and validated. Hunters must record any previously validated turkey on the duplicate turkey harvest report card.

C. Possession of Live Wild Turkeys. No person shall take live wild turkeys or their eggs from the wild. No person shall possess captive live wild turkeys, (*Meleagris gallopavo silvestris*, *M.g. osceola*, *M.g. intermedia*, *M.g. merriami*, *M.g. mexicana*) or their eggs, regardless of origin, without a valid game breeder license. No penraised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

D. Statewide Youth and Physically Challenged Season Regulations. Only youths 17 years of age or younger or hunters possessing a physically challenged hunter permit with wheelchair classification may hunt. Youth must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for youth younger than 16 years of age. Adults accompanying youth may not possess a firearm or bow. Youths may possess only one firearm or bow while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths 16-17 years old and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. Only one gobbler per day may be taken and any gobbler taken by the hunter during this special season counts towards their season bag limit of two.

E. Shooting hours—one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

F. Turkey Hunting Area Descriptions

1. Area A

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. Beauregard;
- ii. Bienville;
- iii. Claiborne;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

- iv. East Baton Rouge;
- v. East Feliciana;
- vi. Grant;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates;

- vii. Jackson;
- viii. LaSalle;
- ix. Lincoln;
- x. Livingston;
- xi. Natchitoches;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

- xii. Pointe Coupee;

Exception: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal, and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

- xiii. Rapides;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

- xiv. Sabine;
- xv. St. Helena;
- xvi. Tangipahoa;
- xvii. Union;
- xviii. Vernon;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

- xvix. West Baton Rouge;
- xx. West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island);
- xxi. Winn.

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

- i. Allen—north of LA 104, west of LA 26 south of junction of LA 104 to US 190, north of US 190 east of Kinder, west of US 165 south of Kinder;
- ii. Avoyelles—that portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by LA 452 from Brouillette to LA 1, on the south by LA 1, eastward to Hamburg, thence by the west Atchafalaya Basin protection levee southward;
- iii. Calcasieu—north of I-10;
- iv. Caldwell—west of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line;
- v. Catahoula—south and west of the Ouachita River from the Caldwell Parish line southward to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, north and west of LA 8 from Harrisonburg to the LaSalle Parish line, also that portion lying east of LA 15;
- vi. Evangeline—north and west of LA 115, north of LA 106 west of LA 115 to US 167, west of US 167 south to LA 10, north of LA 10 west of US 167 to LA 13, west of LA 13 south of LA 10 to Mamou and north of LA 104 west of Mamou;
- vii. Franklin—that portion lying east of LA 17 and east of LA 15 from its juncture with LA 17 at Winnsboro;
- viii. Iberville—west of the Mississippi River;

Exception: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

- ix. Jefferson Davis—north of US 190 from junction with LA 26 to Kinder, west of US 165 and north of I-10 west from junction of US 165;
- x. Madison—that portion lying east of US 65 from East Carroll Parish line to US 80 and south of US 80. Also, all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;
- xi. Morehouse—west of US 165 from the Arkansas line to the junction of LA 140 at Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to US 165 at Bastrop, south of US 165 to junction of LA 3051 (Grabault Road) south of LA 3051 to junction of LA 138, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134, north of LA 134 to the Ouachita Parish line;
- xii. Ouachita—all west of the Ouachita River. That portion east of the Ouachita River lying north of US 80;
- xiii. Richland—that portion south of US 80 and east of LA 17;
- xiv. St. Landry—that portion bounded on the west by the west Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and on the east by the Atchafalaya River;

Exception: the Indian Bayou area; see federal lands hunting schedule for Indian Bayou area dates.

- xv. Upper St. Martin—all within the Atchafalaya Basin;

Exceptions: Sherburne WMA and Indian Bayou area, see WMA Turkey Hunting Schedule for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne WMA boundaries and see federal lands hunting schedule for Indian Bayou dates.

xvi. Tensas—that portion west of US 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with LA 128, north of LA 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry; also all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

2. Area B

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. Ascension;
- ii. DeSoto;
- iii. Red River;
- iv. St. Tammany;
- v. Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

- i. Bossier—all open except that portion bounded on the north by I-20, on the west by LA 164, on the south by LA 164, and on the east by the Webster Parish line;
- ii. Caddo—all except that portion north of I-20 from the Texas state line to I-220. west of I-220 to LA 1. west of LA 1 to Caddo Lake, south of Caddo Lake to the Texas state line;
- iii. East Carroll—east of US 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line;
- iv. Iberville—all east of the Mississippi River;
- v. Webster—all open except that portion bounded on the north by I-20, on the east by U.S. 371, on the south by LA 164, and on the west by the Bossier Parish line.

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

3. Area C

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. Concordia.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

- i. Caldwell—all east of the Ouachita River;
- ii. Catahoula—all of the parish except for that portion located in area A;
- iii. Franklin—west of LA 17 from the Richland Parish line southward to Winnsboro, west of LA 15 southward to the Catahoula Parish line;
- iv. Iberia—east of the west Atchafalaya Basin protection levee;
- v. Richland—west of LA 17 from Franklin Parish line to Ringle Road, south of Ringle Road to Ferguson Road, south of Ferguson Road to Little Road, south of Little Road to Big Creek, east of Big Creek to Franklin Parish line;
- vi. Tensas—east and south of US 65 from Concordia Parish line to LA 128, south of LA 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

4. Turkey season dates on wildlife management areas, national wildlife refuges, Kisatchie National Forest and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land located within areas A, B, and C may vary from the season set for the parish in which they are located. Seasons for these lands are specified in LAC 76:XIX.115.

G. WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations

1. WMAs with youth turkey hunts are closed to all activities except turkey hunting by authorized youth hunt participants, shooting range use, and fishing on the day(s) of the youth hunt.

2. Self-Clearing Permits—all turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing. Hunters must check in daily by obtaining a permit from a self-clearing station prior to hunting. The self-clearing permit

must be in the hunter's possession while hunting. Upon completion of each days hunt, the hunter must check out by completing and depositing the hunter report portion of the permit in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

3. Lottery Hunts—all or portions of some WMA seasons are designated as lottery hunts and are restricted to hunters selected by pre-application lottery. To apply for these lottery hunts, a hunter must submit a completed official application form to the Baton Rouge office by the deadline printed on the application. A non-refundable fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants for WMA youth hunts must be 17 years of age or younger and at least 8 years old on the day of the hunt. Applicants may submit only one application and may be selected for only one spring WMA turkey lottery hunt annually, except, youths may also apply for the regular WMA turkey lottery. Submitting more than one application per lottery type will result in disqualification. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements. Hunters chosen for WMA lottery hunts may be accompanied by one person. The person accompanying a lottery hunter shall not possess a firearm/bow or take a turkey, and must remain within a distance that allows normal voice contact with the lottery hunter at all times. Youths chosen for special youth only hunts may be assigned a guide on the day of the hunt provided that guides are available. One person may accompany the youth and guide, but may not hunt.

4. WMA Physically Challenged Hunt (wheelchair confined)—open only to hunters with a physically challenged hunter permit with wheelchair classification. During this hunt, ATVs may be used by hunters on all designated ATV trails in accordance with the physically challenged hunter permit. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements.

5. Rules Specific to Certain WMAs

a. Sandy Hollow. No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

b. Sherburne. All turkeys taken must be checked at the WMA headquarters.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2263 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27:2270 (December 2001), LR 28:2375 (November 2002), LR 29:2512 (November 2003), LR 30:2874 (December 2004), LR 31:3167 (December 2005), LR 32:2272 (December 2006), LR 33:2469 (November 2007), LR 35:91 (January 2009), LR 35:2478 (November 2009), LR 36:2581 (November 2010), LR 37:3535 (December 2011), LR 38:2941 (November 2012), LR 40:1554 (August 2014).

§115. Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits

A. Daily limit is one gobbler. Season limit is two gobblers. Turkeys taken on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. Only one turkey may be taken during spring WMA lottery hunts.

B. Turkey season will open on the fourth Saturday in March. The area A turkey season will be 30 consecutive days in length, the area B turkey season will be 23 consecutive days in length, and the area C turkey season will be 16 consecutive days in length. Wildlife management areas, national forests, national wildlife refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land may vary from this framework. Deviation from this framework may occur in those years when the fourth Saturday in March falls the day before Easter.

C. Statewide youth turkey and physically challenged season on private lands shall be the weekend prior to the start of the regular turkey season.

D. Only those wildlife management areas listed herein are open to turkey hunting. All other wildlife management areas are closed.

E. 2016 Turkey Hunting Schedule

Area	Season Dates
A	March 26 – April 24
B	March 26- April 17
C	March 26- April 10
Private Lands Youth and Physically Challenged Hunter (Wheelchair Confined) Hunt	March 19-20

F. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule

WMA	Non-Lottery Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
Attakapas	March 26 - April 3	None
Bayou Macon	None	April 16-17
Big Lake	March 26 - April 10	None
Bodcau	March 26 - April 10	None
Boeuf	March 26 - April 10	None
Camp Beauregard	March 26 - April 3	None
Clear Creek	April 4-24	March 26-27 April 2-3
Dewey Wills	None	March 26-27 April 2-3
Fort Polk-Vernon	March 26- April 24	None
Grassy Lake	March 26 - April 3	None
Hutchinson Creek	March 26 - April 24	None
Jackson-Bienville	March 26 - April 10	None

WMA	Non-Lottery Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
Lake Ramsey	March 26 - April 10	None
Little River	March 26 - April 10	None
Loggy Bayou	None	April 15-17
Pearl River	None	March 26-27
Peason Ridge	March 26 - April 24	None
Pomme de Terre	April 20 - April 24	None
Richard K. Yancey	March 26 - April 10	None
Sabine	None	April 1-3 April 15-17
Sandy Hollow	March 26 - April 10	None
Sherburne	March 28-30	March 26-27
Sicity Island	None	March 26-28 March 29-31 April 1-3 April 4-6 April 7-10
Tangipahoa Parish School Board	March 26 - April 24	None
Tunica Hills	April 11-17	March 26-27 April 2-3 April 9-10
Union	April 4-10	April 2-3
Walnut Hills	March 26 - April 24	None
West Bay	None	March 26-27 April 2-3 April 9-10

G. Wildlife Management Area Lottery Youth Hunts

WMA/Ranger District	Lottery Youth Hunt Date
Bodcau	March 19-20
Clear Creek	March 19
Fort Polk-Vernon/Peason Ridge	March 19
Grassy Lake	March 19
Jackson-Bienville	March 19-20
Loggy Bayou	April 9-10
Pearl River	March 19
Pomme de Terre	April 9-10
Richard K. Yancey	March 19-20
Sherburne	March 19
Sicily Island	March 19
Spring Bayou	April 9-10
Tunica Hills	March 19
Union	March 19-20
West Bay	March 19

H. Non-Lottery WMA Youth Hunts

1. Big Lake will be open March 19-20 (only youths may hunt).
2. Bodcau WMA will be open April 16-17 (only youths may hunt).
3. Jackson-Bienville WMA will be open April 16-17 (only youths may hunt).

I. Wildlife Management Area Physically Challenged (Wheelchair Confined) Hunt

1. Jackson-Bienville WMA will be open April 18-24 to holders of valid physically challenged hunter (wheelchair classification) permits.

J. Federal Lands Turkey Hunting Schedule

1. Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) turkey hunting schedule: (youth only) March 19-20 on all Ranger Districts (except Vernon Unit lands within Ft. Polk-Vernon WMA) Caney Ranger District, March 26-April 10; all remaining KNF lands, March 26-April 17 (including Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves, except self-clearing permit required to hunt turkey on Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves).
2. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers turkey hunting schedule: Indian Bayou area, March 19-20 youth and physically challenged lottery only hunt, and lottery hunt only on March 26-27 and April 2-3, and open April 9-10. Old River Control and Lock Areas, March 26-April 10.

3. National wildlife refuges: Bogue Chitto NWR, March 26-April 17, March 19-20 (youth only); Lake Ophelia NWR, March 19 (youth lottery only), March 26-April 10 hunt ends at 12 p.m. each day; Tensas NWR, March 19-20 (youth only), March 26-April 10; Upper Ouachita NWR, March 19 (youth lottery only).
AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2264 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27:2270 (December 2001), LR 28:2376 (November 2002), LR 29:2513 (November 2003), LR 30:2875 (December 2004), LR 31:3167 (December 2005), LR 32:2272 (December 2006), LR 33:2470 (November 2007), LR 35:90 (January 2009), LR 35:2481 (November 2009), LR 36:2583 (November 2010), LR 37:3541 (December 2011), LR 38:2944 (November 2012), LR 40:1556 (August 2014).

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Provider Impact Statement

This Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed Rule until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, April 2, 2015 to Steve Smith, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000, or via email to ssmith@wlf.la.gov.

Public Hearing

Public hearings will be held at the following locations: February 23 beginning at 6:00 p.m., LDWF Woodworth Outdoor Education Center, 661 Robinson Bridge Road, Woodworth; February 24 beginning at 6:00 p.m., Ruston Civic Center, 401 North Trenton Street, Ruston; February 24 beginning at 6:30 p.m., LSU Ag Center (next to Burton Coliseum), 7101 Gulf Highway, Lake Charles; February 24 beginning at 6:30 p.m., Natchitoches Event Center, 750 Second Street, Natchitoches; February 25 beginning at 6:00 p.m., Caldwell Parish Courthouse, 201 Main Street, Columbia; February 26 beginning at 6:30 p.m., Slidell Municipal Auditorium, 2056 2nd Street, Slidell. Also comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from February through April.

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Vice Chairman Manuel announced the next item, **To Consider a Notice of Intent for Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) rule change** to be presented by Jonathon Bordelon. Mr. Bordelon stated that this NOI only adds additional wording for clarification - Each hunter must have a tag in his possession while hunting on DMAP land in order to harvest an antlerless deer (or antlered deer if antlered deer tags are issued). Antlerless deer may be harvested any day of the deer season on property enrolled in DMAP provided a DMAP tag is possessed by the hunter at time of harvest. The tag shall be attached through the hock in such a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported. The DMAP tag will remain with the deer so long as the deer is kept in the camp or field, is enroute to the domicile of its possessor, or until it has been stored at the domicile of its possessor, or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game. The DMAP number shall be recorded on the possession tag of the deer or any part of the animal when divided and properly tagged.

There were no comments or questions heard.

A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Davis. Vice Chairman Manuel called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby advertise their intent to amend the regulations for the Deer Management Assistance Program.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§111. Rules and Regulations for Participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program

A. – A.2.a. ...

b. Each hunter must have a tag in his possession while hunting on DMAP land in order to harvest an antlerless deer (or antlered deer if antlered deer tags are issued). Antlerless deer may be harvested any day of the deer season on property enrolled in DMAP provided a DMAP tag is possessed by the hunter at time of harvest. The tag shall be attached through the hock in such a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported. The DMAP tag will remain with the deer so long as the deer is kept in the camp or field, is enroute to the domicile of its possessor, or until it has been stored at the domicile of its possessor, or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game. The DMAP number shall be recorded on the possession tag of the deer or any part of the animal when divided and properly tagged.

A.2.c. - d. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:110.1 and R.S. 56:115.

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The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, March 29, 2015 to Mr. Jonathon Bordelon, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000 or via email at jbordelon@wlf.la.gov

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999 regular session of the Louisiana Legislature, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S.49:973.

Provider Impact Statement

This Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014



Vice Chairman Manuel announced the next item, **To Hear a status on the Big Exotic Cat Regulation and cases including Michael Sandlin et al v. LDWF et al, No. C608,050, Div. D, 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge and USZA et al v. LDWF et al, No. 632,770, Sec. 26, 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge and Triche, et al. v. State of Louisiana, Docket No. 631535, Div. 23, 19th JDC** to be presented by Frederick Whitrock.

Mr. Whitrock stated there are three (3) lawsuits. Of the three, two (2) were dismissed. The Yogi & Friends and Zoological on December 15. Nine (9) cats have been transported from Yogi & Friends.

The second, Warren Triche vs WLF was dismissed – Act 697 passed last session.

The NOI passed in August by the Commission and promulgated rules to enact legislation passed December 20th. The Tiger Truck Stop has received his permit for the tiger. The NOI passed in July by the Commission became effective January 20, 2015.

Vice Chairman Manuel called for Public Comments.

Mr. Ted Baldwin – Mr. Baldwin stood and declared he did not wish to comment at this time.

Mr. Michael Sandlin – Owner of Tiger Truck Stop in Gross Tete, LA. Mr. Sandlin stated that in 1988 he purchased the Tiger Truck Stop – the Tiger was used as a mascot. He inherited the tigers his father and brother owned. He built the exhibit to house two tigers. In the first twelve years, thirteen cubs were born and ten survived. He found good homes for all of the cubs.

He described the Legislative Act tried to be fair, passed promulgating rules to WLF – however it is his belief it should have been placed with the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Sandlin stated he wonders if the department acted fairly. He described how the department sent the Enforcement Division out with “guns blazin to harass and arrest people (including himself).

Mr. Sandlin said he questions how many animals were here before WLF took over and how many are here now. He also said he wonders how effectively the department act in helping people got their animal permits and how many animals are now dead.

Mr. Sandlin said that Judge Caldwell didn’t think Tiger Truck Stop has done anything wrong. He continued with, this is a licensed facility that never had a tiger escape or had an injury therefore his facility should be exempt. Mr. Sandlin feels this is unconstitutional and that all laws should be the same for everyone.

Commissioner Graham posed a question that he understood that Mr. Sandlin could have his permit.

Mr. Whitrock said they do

Commissioner Graham said that he understands Mr. Sandlin could have his permit however Mr. Sandlin is blaming the Commission for his problem but he has received his permit every time

Commissioner Graham then told Mr. Sandlin that in his comments to the commission, “you blamed us and we have always given you a permit”.

Mr. Sandlin stated that Commissioner Graham is correct. He said he is thankful to God and the department and legislation for letting him keep Tony – but we are refusing to permit the establishment and only permitting Tony

Vice Chairman Manuel announced the next item, **To Elect Chairman and Vice Chairman**
Commissioner Davis nominated Pat Manuel as Chairman which was seconded by Commissioner
Graham. A vote was called – all Commissioners were in favor.
Commissioner Graham nominated Dan Davis as Vice Chairman which was seconded by Commissioner
Swindell. A vote was called – all Commissioners were in favor.

Vice Chairman Manuel announced the next item, **to set the May 2015 Meeting Date**
A discussion took place and the meeting is set for May 7, 2015.

Vice Chairman Manuel announced the next item, **To Hear Public Comments,**
There were no comments heard.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Manuel **Adjourned** the meeting

Pat Manuel, Chairman